



First United Methodist Church in Downtown Erie

An Historic Church Serving the People of Erie

*On the Corner of Seventh and (707) Sassafras Streets
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501*

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December 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. "Light for the City" Worship

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship



OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:

"To share our passion for Jesus Christ with Erie's next generations."

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME **Indicates the people may stand if able.* *Pastor Bob*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer card, found on the back of the pew in front of you, and give it to an usher during the prelude.)

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING THE LIGHT: *Azath Siwakoti, acolyte*

PRELUDE: *"A Prayer for Advent"* *Williams/Nolan*
First United Methodist Vocal Ensemble
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist

WELCOME to those listening on the radio on WERG 90.5 FM and on the web.

*CALL TO WORSHIP : *Bob Rodgers, liturgist*

L: God comes to us in the midst of our troubled lives.

P: Restore us, O God, and make us whole.

L: Our God desires to restore us and much more.

P: What does God have in mind for us?

L: God sees us and all creation redeemed and saved.

ALL: We welcome our redeeming God into our lives. Amen.

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*OPENING HYMN:

“People, Look East”

No. 202

Red Hymnal 4 Verses

(Please be seated)

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Don and Donna Burkhart

The prophets reminds us that we are to bear fruit worthy of repentance. The Messiah is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire and all flesh shall see his glory. We light the fourth Advent candle in preparation for the coming of God’s Messiah. We prepare by repenting of our sins, and living lives devoted to loving God and serving our neighbor.

Light two blue candles, the pink candle and the last blue candle.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Unison: Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our brother, our friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

“The Music of Christmas”

Joseph Martin

First United Methodist Vocal Ensemble

Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist

KIDS’ MESSAGE:

Pastor Bob

Children 12 and under may come to the chancel area. Parents: If your little one needs some encouragement, please feel free to come and sit with them.

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PRAYER HYMN: *“Love Came Down at Christmas”*
Red Hymnal All 3 Verses

No. 242

MORNING PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Pastor Bob

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison):

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Malachi 3:1-4

THE MESSAGE

“My Dad Is Going To Kill Me!”
Reverend Robert Trask, preaching



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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING CALL *Pastor Bob*
*Please pass the Friendship Pads so all may sign and know with whom
they worship today. Please return to the center aisle. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY: *Stephen Weber*
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist

*DOXOLOGY:
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise *God*, all creatures here be-low;
praise *God* a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

*THE OFFERING PRAYER & **DEDICATION OF OUR 2022 PLEDGES**
Pastor Bob

SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*CLOSING HYMN *No. 238*
“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Red Hymnal 4 Verses

*BENEDICTION *Pastor Bob Trask*

*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION
“Emmanuel” *No. 204*

*POSTLUDE: *Lani Smith*
“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”
Bruce R Gingrich, Director of Music Ministries/Organist



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Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ *We thank God for your presence this morning with us!* If you are a **visitor or college student**, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** found in the attendance pad on the pew at the center aisle and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to take a **Welcome Brochure**.
- ◆ **Children** are important to us and we strive to include them in worship. Children's activity bags are available from an usher for quiet activity during the service. A children's message is offered during the service, please come forward when invited by the pastor. Also, a staffed nursery is available for children.
- ◆ **Restrooms** are located on the lower level, below the sanctuary, or upstairs in the lobby of Oxford Center (through the door to the left of the chancel). Accessible restrooms are on the first floor (level L) near the elevator.
- ◆ **Personal listening devices are available for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service!** You may use a headset provided by the church or plug your own headset (with a 1/8" audio jack) into one of the church's portable receivers. Please see an usher for assistance.
- ◆ On Sunday, December 19th please bring your Thanksgiving offering and your pledge cards for the upcoming year. We will be blessing them both as part of our worship that day.

United Methodist Women are collecting purchased hats, scarves and mittens for the Bethany Outreach Center. The items can be hand knitted or store bought. There is a collection bin in the library off Fellowship Hall. Donations will be collected until Dec. 19th. Please call Donna Burkhart at 814-866-2781 or email to dlb4813@roadrunner.com

- ◆ **UMW Annual Christmas Cookie Walk, TODAY!!**
- ◆ **Sunday, December 19, 2021 in Fellowship Hall.**

Women of our church donated items for 8 Warren State Hospital residents for the "Christmas Stockings Project" of Church Women United

Two Week Calendar

December 19, 2021 to January 1, 2022

<i>This Week</i>				<i>Next Week</i>			
Dec. Sun	19	9:00 am Light for the City Svc. 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 1:30 pm Victory Church/Oxford 11:30 am Cookie Walk		Dec. Sun	26	9:00 am Light for the City Svc. 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship 1:30 pm Victory Church/Oxford	
Mon	20	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)		Mon	27	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)	
Tue	21	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class 7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)		Tue	28	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class 7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)	
Wed	22	10:00 am Book Study		Wed	29	10:00 am Book Study	
Thu	23	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall		Thu	30	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall	
Fri	24	6:45 pm Music of Christmas 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service		Fri	31	NEW YEARS EVE	
Sat	25	CHRISTMAS DAY		Sat Jan.	1	NEW YEARS DAY	

USE YOUR MASKS PLEASE..

We strongly encourage you to please use a mask while in worship today and Christmas Eve because of the rising number of covid cases.

Prayer List:

Ryan Raybuck (Medical issues) Priscilla Ferebee (heart issues), Tina Iddings, Carol Lee Restifo, (medical issues), Valerie Radtke (medical issues). Adam and Amanda Sturgis (Flo Sturgis' grandson and granddaughter-in-law). Ida Sweet and Joyce Mayer (medical issues) Louise Stewart & those suffering from loneliness. Jim Schemer (covid and double pneumonia).

In the Military: Michael Reim, Alec Nolan, Cody Nolan, Ben Rea, Dustin Witsch

Flowers on the altar: Given by Ann DiTullio

Greeter at Brauns Doors: Vivian Simmers

10:30 a.m. Worship Volunteers:			Birthdays this week	
	This Week	Next Week		
Liturgist	Bob Rodgers	Loretta Nosko	12/20	Kathy Foster
Acolyte	Azath Siwakoti	Erica Arndt	12/21	Donna Rapp
Projectionist	Azath Siwakoti	Elliott Arndt	12/23	Jim Foster
Sound	Bob Rodgers	Bob Rodgers	12/25	Carol Wright
			12/25	Gwen Pierce

Live Stream, Radio Broadcast, DVD, & Podcast: Worship with us live on-line at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at [facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/) or after-the-fact on the church's **YouTube** channel. Or listen to the entire 10:30 a.m. service tonight on Gannon radio **WERG 90.5 FM** at 7:00 p.m. also simulcast on the radio station's live web feed. Or receive via mail a **DVD** of the 10:30 a.m. service by contacting the church office. Or listen to recent sermons at anytime on the church's **Podcast page:** fumcerie.podbean.com.

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