



# *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 26, 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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## First Sunday after Christmas

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Indicates the people may stand if able.*

WELCOME

*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:

*Erica Arndt, acolyte*

PRELUDE:

*"Were You There on that Christmas Night?"  
Ashley Meyer, mezzo soprano  
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist*

*Natalie Sleeth*

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP :**

*Loretta Nosko, liturgist*

*L: We come to glorify God, to rejoice in the One who saves us.*

***P: God has come: for the lost, the last, the little, the least of this world.***

*L: Our hearts leap for joy! For God is coming to us in a child.*

***P: God has come: for those who hunger for hope; for those who thirst for grace.***

*L: Holy is the One who comes in God's name; the One who fulfills every promise of God.*

***All: God has come: to stand with those who live in faith, hope and love; to bring peace to a scattered world. Amen.***

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\*OPENING HYMN: ***“Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”*** No. 240  
***Red Hymnal 3 Verses***  
***(Please be seated)***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Unison: O God, into a realm of clerics and kings you sent your child to teach the wise and show the world what power there is in love. Keep us vigilant to hear the voices of those who speak your truth. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.***

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

***“We Three Kings” (Persian Style)*** Christian Morris  
***Cindi Reid, clarinet***  
***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: *“When Christmas Morn Is Dawning”*  
*Red Hymnal All 3 Verses*

No. 232

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:

**Matthew 2:13-23**

THE MESSAGE

*“I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas”*  
*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: *Chris Lawry & Keri Degg*  
*“The Holly and the Ivy”*  
*Cindi Reid, clarinet*  
*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 *Pastor Bob*

## SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

\*CLOSING HYMN *No. 251*  
*“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*  
*Red Hymnal 3 Verses*

\*BENEDICTION *Pastor Bob Trask*

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

\*POSTLUDE: *Janet Linker*  
*“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”*  
*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.
- ◆ If you are interested in receiving your **2021 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENT**, please contact Melodye McFadden via e-mail: [mmcfadden@fumcerie.org](mailto:mmcfadden@fumcerie.org) or phone at (814) 881-2035 and she will send or e-mail you one. Also, please note, any offerings for 2021 **MUST** be received in the office no later than Friday, December 31st. in order to be considered giving in the year 2021.
- ◆ *As we come to the end of 2021, FUMC would like to once again thank each and every one of you for your generosity this past year in supporting our general budget ministry, the numerous building improvement projects and our local and global mission drives. We are a church together because of your generosity and support. As we are about to begin 2022, please remember to fill out your PLEDGE CARD!! They can be placed in the offering plates during worship or mailed to the church office. These are vitally important as we review the prior year and look forward to the new year and how to build our budget for 2022. Prayerfully consider how God's leading you to give to God through our church, so our church may continue to minister to our community.*

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## Two Week Calendar

December 26, 2021 to January 1, 2022

<i><b>This Week</b></i>				<i><b>Next Week</b></i>			
<b>Dec.</b> <b>Sun</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>Light for the City Svc.</b> 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sanctuary Worship</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Victory Church/Oxford</b>		<b>Jan</b> <b>Sun</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>Light for the City Svc.</b> 9:30 am Sunday School- adult & children  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sanctuary Worship</b> <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Victory Church/Oxford</b>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>27</b>	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)		<b>Mon</b>	<b>3</b>	1:00 pm Knitting Group (Wesley) 7:00 pm Naranon (Wesley)	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>28</b>	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class  7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)		<b>Tue</b>	<b>4</b>	10:00 am EHCA Sign Class  7:00 pm NA (Fellowship Hall)	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>29</b>	10:00 am Book Study		<b>Wed</b>	<b>5</b>	10:00 am Book Study	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>30</b>	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall		<b>Thu</b>	<b>6</b>	7:00 pm N/A Fellowship Hall	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>Sat</b> <b>Jan.</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b>	<b>Sat</b> <b>Jan.</b>	<b>8</b>		

**Message from Valerie Radtke: Valerie would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the recent love gift she received. She has just returned home from another round of chemotherapy at the Cleveland Clinic and is under strict guidelines of staying isolated. She wanted to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and let you all know how much she appreciated the gift as it will help defray many of her upcoming costs, including prescriptions not covered by the insurance.**

**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:**

**Greeter at Brauns Doors:**

<b>10:30 a.m. Worship Volunteers:</b>			<b>Birthdays this week</b>	
	This Week	Next Week		
			12/26	Bruce Gingrich
<b>Liturgist</b>	Loretta Nosko	Howard Wright	12/28	Gordon Schmidt
<b>Acolyte</b>	Erica Arndt	Val Rodgers	12/29	Annabeth Tucker
<b>Projectionist</b>	Elliott Arndt	Azath Siwakoti	12/30	Christina Reim Wick
<b>Sound</b>	Bob Rodgers	Bob Rodgers	12/30	Rev. John Scott

**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](https://www.fumcerie.podbean.com).

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