



The Season of

HOPE

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of the Lord shall be revealed, and all
people shall see it together, for the
mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

Barrington United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

HYMN #213 (UMH)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Vocal Ensemble

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| <p>(1) Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!</p> <p>(3) Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.</p> | <p>(2) Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.</p> <p>(4) Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!</p> |
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CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40: 1-11

Dave Snyder

⁴⁰ Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

SERMON

"Hope for the Faithful"
Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

ANTHEM

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry

Tune PUER NOBIS, Trier manuscript, 15th century; M. Praetorius

Dana Angel, harp; Ricardo Ramirez, organ

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Wendy Witt, First UMC West Dundee

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Sunday school is available during both worship services for children age 3 through grade 5

December's theme is "UnFrozen..Do you want to meet a Savior?" Our Bible verse is "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" —Psalm 118:24



Students, 6th through 12th grade, are invited today to:

9 a.m. Sunday School in the youth room

10:30 a.m. Worship together in the sanctuary

4 p.m. Homework Hangs

6 p.m. God's Squad Christmas Party



Youth are invited to an afternoon of lights. Scan the QR code to say you can come!



United
Women
in Faith

United Women in Faith Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room

You are invited to join Barrington United Women in Faith for a Christmas gathering in the church dining room at 10:30 a.m., with a Christmas brunch served at 11 a.m. Linda Snyder will share an angel story, reminding us that angels do still appear on Christmas Eve. Please respond to Linda at 630-569-2763 or lmosikowicz@comcast.net by December 10. A reply will help us plan, but please feel free to come as you can, even at the last minute.



Heifer Living Gifts Market *Sundays, December 10 and 17*

Our annual Living Gifts Market supports Heifer International's efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Heifer helps farmers and communities mobilize and envision their futures, provides training so they can improve the quantity and quality of goods they produce, and technology to connect them to markets to increase their sales and incomes. Choose a free honor card to let your gift recipient know that their holiday gift is providing families access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Look for Linda McGill or a mission team member in the BUMC lobby to purchase your living gift and select a Christmas card to send to family and friends.

Upcoming Opportunities

Sunday, December 10

- 9 a.m. Worship
- 9 a.m. Youth Sunday School
- 9 a.m. Children's Sunday School
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- 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 2 p.m. Comunidad Cristiana Worship at Trinity Center
- 4 p.m. Homework Hangs
- 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6 p.m. God's Squad Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 12

- 1 p.m. Shawl Ministry
- 2 p.m. Care Ministries Meeting
- 5 p.m. Barrington Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Pack 287 Meeting
- 7 p.m. AA Meeting at Trinity Center
- 7 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 13

- 10:30 a.m. United Women in Faith Christmas Gathering
- 7 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m. Jesus in the Gospels Class
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 10 Meeting

Thursday, December 14

- 10 a.m. Women of the Word
- 7 p.m. AA Meeting at Trinity Center
- 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15

- 9 a.m. Carpentersville Community Meal Cooking
- 1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer
- 7 p.m. Pack 43 at Trinity Center

Saturday, December 16

- 9:00 a.m. Practical Christianity for Men
- 4:30 p.m. Carpentersville Community Meal Indoor Dining

Christmas Services

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE at First UMC of West Dundee

Thursday, December 21 at 5 p.m.

This is a quiet, reflective service. We acknowledge this time of year is not the happiest time for those who are grieving or struggling. This service makes space for those who need to have their pain, loneliness, or fear acknowledged and to find comfort and hope in the gathered community.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 *Christmas Eve Services*

8 a.m. Comunidad Cristiana at Trinity Center

10 a.m. Family Service in the sanctuary

4 p.m. Family Service with Crossroads Band in the sanctuary

7 p.m. Candlelight Service with Carols and Choir in the sanctuary

11 p.m. Candlelight Service with Communion and Carols
in the sanctuary

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