



Good Samaritan welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race or socioeconomic background. We seek to reconcile any differences that divide us.

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E-News

Email cindy@good.org to receive the weekly e-news.

Prayer Chain

Email jim@good.org for prayer requests or to receive the weekly prayer chain email.

Find us on:



Thank you...

Usher: Janet VanBenthuyssen
AV Tech: Noemi Dooley
Altar Flowers: provided by Mary Olson in memory of her husband, Doug
Liturgist: Kyle Dooley
Advent Candle Lighting: Leigh Hamersten, Shirley Hammersten
Special Music: Sarah Brickeen, soloist
Nursery: Julie Kang, Shelly Kang
Fellowship Host: Caroline Carlin

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

November 30, 2025
Advent 1

Our Vision

Inspiring
Joyful Faith

Building a
Loving
Community

Serving
Neighbors
Near and Far

Today's
Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5



Who we are. What we do.



Good Samaritan United Methodist Church

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WELCOME !

Nursery care is available for ages 6 weeks-3 years.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from the ushers.

Hearing assist devices are available at the sound booth.

Thank you for supporting our ministries! Offering plates are available by the Sanctuary doors as you exit or scan this QR code to give securely online.



Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after worship.

*Standing or sitting.

PRELUDE J.S. BACH
Chorale Prelude on "Nun Komm", der Heiden Heiland"

WORDS OF WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP – A Lament for Our World
One: Mighty God, our world is flooded with hatred, division, and distrust.
All: Arguments tear apart families; communities split along political lines; violence feels far from the last resort.
We live in fear and suspicion of others who look or think or act differently.
We are weary of conflict and hostility, but peace and harmony seem out of reach. Loving God, have mercy on your troubled world.
Drive away false assumptions with your truth.
Reconcile enemies through your transforming grace.
Heal the hurts of slander and violence with your patient love.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the bringer of peace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH 211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

RITUAL OF THE BLUE CHRISTMAS TREE
"Honoring Reality" with Kathy Escobar
"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH 521

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
One: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from the past to imagine the future when God's reign will be fully realized and recognized throughout creation. When that time comes, God "shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God's reign has come and is coming among us.

We light this candle of hope as a sign of our promise to follow the Light as we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality today and in the days to come.

CHILDREN'S TIME Jan Russell
After Children's Time, children are invited to Sunday School in 200.

SPECIAL MUSIC GABRIEL FAURÉ
"En prière" ("In Prayer")
If the voice of a child can rise up to You, Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness
O my Father, Necessary
From Jesus before You on his knees, listen To alleviate misfortunes, to relieve pain
To the prayer! And wretchedness!
If you have chosen me to teach Your law Reveal Yourself to me, Lord in Whom I believe
Upon earth, And I hope:
I will know how to serve You, august King of For You I want to suffer and die on the cross,
Kings, O Light! At Calvary!
Upon my lips, Lord, put the truth
That gives salvation,
In order that he who doubts, with humility
May revere You!

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5 (MSG)
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE OF THE DAY "Rekindle Your Hope" Rev. Jim Beard

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SONG OF RESPONSE "This Is My Song" UMH 437

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIVING OUR FAITH

*CLOSING SONG "For the Healing of the Nations" vs. 1-3 UMH 428

*FINAL WORDS OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE DAVID LASKY
Postlude Brevis on "Wachet Auf"

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Prayer of the Day: from lyrics to "Behold a Broken World," #426 in the United Methodist Hymnal.



Good Sam Happenings

You're in a GOOD place to ... connect, grow, worship ...

Hanging of the Greens Today at 4:00 p.m.!



Join us for this wonderful, long-standing tradition at Good Samaritan where we decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas season! Music will be provided at this family-friendly service by our own Orchaband and a reception will follow.

We will be collecting unwrapped gifts for infants through 8-year-olds to donate to STEP (St. Louis Park Emergency Program).

Target gift cards in amounts \$5 to \$25 will be collected as well. Bring items to the service or contact Jan (jan@good.org).

Anyone who plays a string or wind instrument (young or old) is invited to join the Orchaband. Pick up the music ahead of time from the reception area by the church office. We will rehearse right before the service at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It's great fun! Contact Sarah Kumagai with questions - 952-944-2683.

Aldersgate Merger Final Vote

On **Sunday, December 14**, following worship, we will vote at a special church conference led by our Conference Superintendent, Becky Jo Messenbrink. Votes must be cast in person or via livestream and cannot be done in advance or by "absentee ballot".



Order Your Poinsettia



The deadline to order a poinsettia to decorate the Sanctuary and take home after Christmas Eve is **next Sunday, December 7**. Find an order form on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

Mary Parsons Memorial

The family of Mary Parsons invites you to a memorial open house on **Sunday, December 14, from 1:00-3:00pm** in Fellowship Hall.

Nursery Volunteer Needed

We need another youth or adult to help in the church Nursery on **Sunday, December 7**, during the morning service. Contact Jan at jan@good.org if you can help.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 14, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



You are warmly invited to this beloved service featuring the Chancel Choir and the Chancel Chimes, as well as readings of the Nine Lessons and singing of traditional carols. Following the service, we'll gather for a festive reception featuring our Homeward Bound band. Bring your loved ones, invite your friends, and let's celebrate together the hope and joy that Christmas brings!

Stonebridge School Volunteers

The Missions Team is looking for volunteers to help in the Stonebridge School library for 2-3 hours a week at a time convenient for you. Help students find books according to their interests, tutor reading, and/or just sit by them while they read, and help them with words they don't know. Being able to read is so important in life! Contact JoAnn at 612-240-9372 or joannknutson@hotmail.com.

