



We are a community of faith seeking to provide nourishment for the hungers of life, and we welcome all persons, inclusive of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability and circumstances of life.

Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church.

9am Traditions | Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021

PRELUDE *Peace in Our Time: Compassion* Cathy Moglebust

Alleluia Ringers & Cara Wilson, Violin

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Five Hebrew Love Songs: "Temuna"* Eric Whitacre

Cara Wilson, violin and Peteria Cochran Routt, piano

OPENING WORDS

OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* No 89 (v. 1, 2 and 4)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children pre-K through 5th grade may now leave for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 17: 1-8 Reader: Amy McNabb

ANTHEM *Peace in Our Time: Tribute* Cathy Moglebust

Alleluia Ringers & Cara Wilson, Violin

MESSAGE Step Up With Love: Standing Back Up After We've Fallen Down Pastor Christine Ford

HYMN *We Are Called* No 2172

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE Terry Perriera

OFFERING *Beautiful City, from Godspell* Stephen Schwartz

John Stiles, soloist

Text to Give: WBLUMC to 73256

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* No 102 (v. 1 and 2)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Piet Post



It's Pledge Sunday! Please pass your completed pledge card to the ushers in the offering plate. Thank you for being part of WBLUMC!

9am Traditions & 10:45am New Crossings worship

Masks are strongly recommended inside the church. *10am online worship will continue.*

COMING UP at WBLUMC

Happy Thanksgiving: We hope you'll join us online for a service filled with gratitude for the blessings of the year. To participate, access the service at 6:30pm Wednesday, Nov. 24, on the church Facebook page, YouTube channel or by clicking on the Livestream link on the church website, wblumc.org/links.

Advent studies: Advent starts on Sunday, Nov. 28! Pastor Christine Ford will offer a series of four classes to explore the book and theme of our Advent season, *Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine, **6:30 – 8 pm Tuesdays, Nov. 30-Dec. 21**. Email christine.ford@wblumc.org for information or to sign up. Classes available both online and in person (15 maximum in person).

Advent Vigils: Gather online for a 10- to 15-minute prayer time called Advent Vigils, led by Pastors Christine and Bill at **8:30pm Fridays Dec. 3 - 17** on the WBLUMC Facebook page. A vigil is a time to keep awake at night to watch or pray. Make praying together with us each week a part of your Advent preparation. (The vigils will also be available to view afterward.)

Magnificat, The Story of Mary: All are welcome to mark the holiday season with the WBLUMC Chancel Choir's special presentation of Magnificat, a choral piece composed by Kim André Arneson to celebrate God's choosing Mary to be the mother of Jesus. The choir will be joined by Karen Flynn on organ, the Lux String Quartet and soprano Marla Fogderud. This special service and performance will be in the church sanctuary at **7pm Thursday, Dec. 9**.

Church book club: November's title is a Pulitzer Prize winner -- *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. The next meeting will be on **Monday, Nov. 22**, at 7pm via Zoom. Fall meetings will continue online; please email Rick Flynn at rmflynn1@comcast.net for the link. Read about this book and view the full 2021-22 reading list and descriptions at wblumc.org/ministries/groups_and_missions.

The Sandwich Project Next time for making sandwiches for homeless shelters and food shelves is **Sunday, Dec. 5**.

Solid Ground community meal: Next date to prepare and serve a meal to the Solid Ground families is **Wednesday, Dec. 8**. Sign up to join the team in the narthex or send an email to Lori McBride.

Solid Ground and Common Hope Giving Trees: Starting **Sunday, Nov. 28**, look for Giving Trees in our narthex. The first one will be up through Dec. 5 and will benefit our local mission partner, **Solid Ground**, which serves children and families in the East Metro area. The second Giving Tree will be up for the whole **month of December**, and will benefit our mission partner in Guatemala, **Common Hope**, which helps children receive an education to help them and their families build better lives and rise above poverty. By choosing a gift on either Giving Tree, your support helps families and children who are trying to create better futures right in the communities where they live and work.

Help with PowerPoint: We'd love your help with the Sunday worship presentations! We'll provide all training so you're comfortable with being the slideshow presenter at the 9am and/or 10:45am services — we especially need volunteers at second service. Please contact Dean Gray at deanbob64@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

Ushers Needed: We have a few openings in our Usher pool and would love to have you join us! Ushers commit to one service, once per month, or as a substitute when needed. Please contact Carrie Sinclair at casinclair@comcast.net to sign up or for more info.

TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Alleluia Ringers; Cara Wilson, violin; John Stiles, soloist; Chancel Choir; Karen Flynn, organ; John Koziol, piano; Godfrey Holzbach, sound technician; Gerry Keith, PowerPoint

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's arrangement is provided by David and Dawn Kittleson, in loving memory of Aunt Shirley.