

Announcements

Meetings:

- Board of Deacons: Sunday Dec. 8th @ 10:00 am - Fellowship Hall
- Board of Trustees: Tuesday Dec. 17th @ 5:30 pm - Fellowship Hall
- Mission Committee: Wednesday Jan. 15th @ 6:00 pm - South Office

Winter Mission Opportunities:

- Ripley Giving Tree
 - Take a tag(s)
 - List your name and the tag(s) number you took on the clipboard
 - Bring back your item...
 - Adopt a Family Instructions on the back of their tag(s)
 - Cross your name and the number(s) off the list when you have returned your donations
- Christmas Eve Offering - Veterans of the Cross
- Noisy Offering- Dec. 29th - Storcks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025

Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - **WEDNESDAY** - Dec. 11th - Fellowship Hall
- No Soul Stitching on Saturday in December
- Order a Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one to adorn our altar.
 - **\$16.00 each** - See Patty to place your order.
 - 319-269-7286 or pattycalderwood@gmail.com
- Help is needed: CHAT Food Pantry is seeking volunteers...
 - Help is needed during open hours - shifts include:
 - 9am to Noon and Noon to 3pm - Monday thru Saturday
 - Contact Toni Whannel to volunteer or ask questions
 - 319-231-2771

Religious Education

- Adult RE will begin in January with twice monthly topics at Ripley and at Pizza Palace (if open). Details TBD.
- Confirmation will be scheduled early 2025 for youth aged 13 and up. Please see Jim if you know a young person who might be interested.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with Children's RE during future services. Please see Jim for details.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

December 8th, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Praise and Invocation (excerpted from Luke 1):

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

Many: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David...

One: thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and remembered his holy covenant...

Many: that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days.

One: Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Many: Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" (black hymnal #122)

Advent Candle - Peace - Baruch 5:1-4

In this time of struggle and oppression the world over, perhaps the most important prayer we pray is a prayer for peace—both in the world at large and in our own hearts. Today's Advent candle will be lit by Luka Hulme and Danny Bagenstos, two of our youngest and dearest members.

Confession:

One: Our Gospel calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord," to "make his paths straight."

Many: We forget our sacred obligation.

One: We fail to work for our salvation.

Many: The way of the Lord lies fallow.

One: Forgive us God, our sloth and ignorance.

Many: Teach us to live, love and serve in the world you created.

Silent Prayer

Assurance:

One: Hear the Gospel! Our God is a gracious and loving God.

Many: By His grace, we are forgiven

One: By His love, we are set free

All: Amen

Passing the Peace/ Children's Procession

Our scripture teaches that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who enter it like a child. As our children come forward, it is our custom to greet each other from our places, then sing the children to the front with the traditional song "This Little Light of Mine." If you are worshiping with us online, please feel free to say hello in the comments, so we know you are here.

Children's Celebration - "I've Got Peace Like a River"

Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Message: "Peace Be With You"

Offertory Hymn: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (insert)

***Presentation of our Offerings:** Doxology (black hymnal #780)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (#116, verses 1, 2 & 7)

*Benediction

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit



Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.
We're glad you came.

Accompanist today was Laura Henrichs
Readers were Denis Winklepleck and Lindsey Christie
RE helper was Lindsey Christie

Bridge Minister Jim Coppoc is available to our community at:
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Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or connect to us in person over refreshments downstairs after the service.

Prayer requests can be submitted in person to Jim or any Deacon, or by following this QR code:



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And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
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In perfect harmony.

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