



Ripley Church Meetings:

- Board of Trustees: Tuesday - Dec. 2nd @ 6:30 pm - Office
- Board of Deacons: Sunday - Dec. 14th @ 10 am - Office

Ripley Mission/Church/Community Involvement:

- Quilting - Thursday Dec. 4th @ 9:00 am
 - Saturday Soul Stitching - Saturday Dec. 13th @ 9:00 am
- Adopt-A-Family / Giving Tree:
 - Return to Ripley on or before Dec. 7th
- Noisy Offering - today: "PS" - Project Share - TMU

Sunday School!!!

- Volunteers are still needed to help facilitate Sunday school at least one Sunday a month. Please see Jim for details.

Advent 2025 - Nov. 30-Dec 24 - Theme: Angels

- Christmas Church Decorating today after service - Everyone is invited to participate and then enjoy lunch downstairs together.
- **Sponsor a Poinsettia** in honor or memory of a loved one to adorn our altar.
 - \$16.00 each - Coordinate with Patty
 - 319-269-7286 or pattycaiderwood@gmail.com
- Dec 7th Cookie Swap - see below for details
- Dec 14th - Ecumenical Christmas Caroling w/United Presby. approx. 1:00 - details TBA
- Dec. 21st - Christmas Tea provided by the Deacons

Cookie Swap! - Sunday, 12/7 @ 2:30 - The Parsonage

- Bring a plate with cookies, and a spare. Fill the second plate with all the flavors of the season.
- Be sure to sign up for fabulous door prizes!

Fundraising Opportunity

- Farmer's State Bank will again be donating \$3 to the church of choice for each person who registers at their open house on Friday, December 5, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.



Ripley United Church of Christ Celebration of Worship

November 30th, 2025
First Sunday of Advent - Hope/Prophecy



Welcome and Announcements Prelude and Candle Lighting

Invocation (Psalm 122:6-9)

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

Many: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers.

One: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

Many: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship in the presence of a just and powerful God.

Many: Amen

***Opening Hymn:** "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus" (red hymnal #244)

"Hope" Candle: Romans 15:13

Confession:

One: Our faith is one of hope, peace, joy and love.

Many: In the busyness of our daily lives, we lose sight of the things that matter.

One: Our faith is one of love, grace, justice and inclusion.

Many: We fail to act on these Gospel values.

One: Forgive us, Lord, our failings.

Many: Teach us to trust in your Word, your Way, and the Spirit you have given us.

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: "With My Own Two Hands"

Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Homily: "Like a Thief in the Night..."

***Response:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (black hymnal #116)

Offertory:

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

***Closing Hymn:** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (black hymnal #403)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* Please stand, in body or spirit
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Thank you for attending Ripley United Church of Christ.
We're glad you came.

- Reader today was Denis Winklepleck, Sr.
- CE helper was Lindsey Coppoc
- Advent Candle lit by the Hulme family

Find us online at www.ripleyucc.org, or by searching "Ripley United Church of Christ" on Facebook. Or join us for refreshments downstairs after the service. An elevator is available by the south door for those who need it.

Pr. Jim is available to the community at 515-708-4343 (text is best) or jimatripley@gmail.com

"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."