



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Advent - LOVE - Pageant

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM

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HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PIlaRmr2teVA>

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good Snowy Friday to you,

I hope this finds you inside with a cup of something hot to drink and a good book or the newspaper!

This Sunday, the Pageant is sure to be a fun account of the birth story of Jesus. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 7pm next Saturday. It will be a Candlelight service and the children will help tell the story of the nativity through the beauty of the Godly Play script. (Children welcome!)

It is a busy time of year and as such, we may think that we are not doing enough, not being enough, haven't purchased enough, prepared enough....you get my drift. Our faith in God tells us that we are enough, just as we are. Always. Everywhere. We are enough. We are beloved.

Nadia Bolz-Weber is a colleague in the States who started a church called "The House for all Saints and Sinners" in Denver, CO. She is now a writer and speaker and I wanted to share her words today because they are relevant and so helpful!

You can find the full article here:

https://open.substack.com/pub/thecorners/p/fall-on-your-knees?r=49cxq&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email

Part of the article:

"I think that this is exactly what Mary, mother of our Lord, understood: that what qualifies us for God's grace (the "help" I need) isn't our goodness – what qualifies us for God's grace is nothing more than our need for God's grace.

When Mary sings of God in the Magnificat, she didn't say that God looked with favor on her virtue. She didn't say that God looked with favor upon her activism. She didn't say that God looked with favor on the fact that she had tried so hard that she finally had become the ideal version of herself.



No.

God looked with favor on her lowliness.

And yet then what do I do but constantly curse my own lowliness. Obsess about my flaws and shortcomings. Berate myself for my failings and defects of character; for not trying hard enough to become my ideal self. But our failings and weakness and mistakes are God's perfect entry points. It is our lowliness and our humility, not our strength and our so-called virtues where God does God's very best work."

Blessings, one and all, during this last week of Advent,
Jenni

in this season of loneliness and warmth and cookies and toxic nostalgia and having way too many people around, in this season of the very longest nights - **may your soul feel its worth.** And when the regret and grief about your errors creeps in,...

And in this season of **over consumption and unmet expectations** - in this season of family obligations and "I should feel happier than I do" or "I'm deeply happy and don't feel like I can share that since so many people are miserable" ...

be gentle and maybe just congratulate yourself for being someone in whom **God's grace is at work.**

FAITH FORMATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us this Sunday, December 18th for the annual Christmas Pageant!

We welcome everyone to the Pageant this Sunday! There are costumes for anyone who wants to join in. For helpers and anyone with/wanting a specific role, please join us Saturday morning to prepare. We will fit costumes, test sound, do a run through, and provide pizza lunch. We welcome any craft/activity helpers with ideas to keep kids occupied while they wait their turn.

Contact Diana Brushey at diana.brushey@kitchissippiuc.com if you have questions about the Pageant!

We know the storm may impact travel so urge everyone to drive safely!



Kitchissippi's Christmas Outreach

REFUGEE UPDATE

Illuminée, Kenta, Yan Owen and Chekna are settling nicely into their home in Ottawa. We were delighted to introduce them to Kitchissippi in person and livestreamed. Settlement is an ongoing, very busy process and we welcome volunteers, especially if you speak some French. Huge thanks again to all who helped bring this lovely family to Ottawa, to those who donated goods, clothing and financially!

OUTREACH UPDATE

Grocery cards were shared this week. Bags of lovely warm hats, mitts, gloves, scarves and socks were delivered yesterday to Minwaashin Lodge. White Gifts are going next week to the residents of Hampton and Kimberlane-Alexander care homes.

Thank you to knitters, shoppers and so many generous donors to KUC's Christmas outreach.

DONATION info shown below:

Donations for White Gifts and any other donations to the church can be made three ways:

- 1) By cheque mailed to or dropped off at the church mailbox. Feel free to use your offering envelopes. Indicate on the envelope or cheque: **“Refugee Fund” or “Christmas Outreach”**.
- 2) By Interac E-Transfer from your bank account (see more details below on how to do this). Transfer amount to donations@kitchissippiuc.com and include a note indicating donation to **“Refugee Fund” or “Christmas Outreach”**.
- 3) Via Canada Helps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Kitchissippi-United-Church/> Donation to Kitchissippi United Church and specify **“Christmas Outreach”**

**For options 1 and 2 your donation will be included in your annual charitable receipt from Kitchissippi United Church. For option 3 you will receive an immediate charitable receipt from Canada Helps.*

We thank you for supporting our refugee and outreach initiatives throughout the year, and especially in Advent. KUC Refugee-Outreach Circle

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Advent 1 – Sunday, November 27 at 10 AM (Baptism)

Advent 2 – Sunday, December 4 at 10 AM (Communion/Flowers for Pastoral Care)

Contemplative Service – Tuesday, December 6 at 7 PM

Advent 3 – Sunday, December 11 at 10 AM (White Gift/Mitten Tree)

Advent 4 – Sunday, December 18 at 10 AM (Pageant)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24 at 7 PM

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25 at 10 AM (Lay led)

Twelfth Night/Epiphany Eve Wassail – Thursday, January 5 at 6 PM

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