## Christmas <sub>@</sub> Season





## **Sundays throughout Advent**

Family Worship @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Worship for All @ 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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10:00 a.m. Christmas Music Sunday



6:00 p.m. Community Carol Sing



**10:00 a.m.** Children's Christmas Pageant **7:30 p.m.** The Longest Night service (Chapel)



**4:00 p.m.** Worship for Families **7:35 p.m.** Alumni Bells **8:00 p.m.** Worship for All

## **Everyone welcome.** No exceptions!

Sunday School and nursery Sunday School is offered during the weekly 10:00 a.m. worship. We also welcome the joyful energy of children during the service!





Dear friend of Union Church.

Christmas is a season of joy; songs, bells, lights, smiles, renewing long connections and starting new ones. The joy of singing carols in church with friends. The joy of family gathered. The joy of being alive.

Joy is a feeling of immense pleasure and happiness, and Christmas is filled with the promise of joy and cheer. But when our joy comes from external things, it is fleeting. The true source of joy is knowing God is present in our lives. Joy is not a season, or a present, or a cookie. Joy for Christians is knowing God is with us, sharing and inspiring our life.

I see angels all around me; people helping, people sharing, people giving, people laughing, people dancing, people hugging, people sharing good news of great joy. These angels are not only in our community but are angels around the world bringing good new of great joy to one and all. I hope and pray that you are an angel of God's joy this Christmas.

Join the joy of Christmas with Union Church of Hinsdale. Enclosed you will find listings of Union's Christmas services and celebrations. You are welcome to join the joy and bring a friend.

Recently I read wonderful Christmas benediction from Ray Pritchard, "May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. God bless you now and forever.



Rev. Timothy C. Rhodes | Bridge Minster

The angel proclaimed, "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the world!"

Luke 2:10

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

...and all your friends at Union!