

**4th Sunday of Advent
DECEMBER 21-22, 2024**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Worship - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
Invocation
Call to Worship
Confession & Forgiveness
Lighting of Advent Wreath
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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v. 1-4

Litany of Praise
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Message
Hymn of the Day
Creed, Prayers and Peace
Offertory Song
The Words of Communion
Communion
The Lord’s Prayer
Blessing & Sending

ELW 279

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
Invocation
Confession & Forgiveness
Lighting of Advent Wreath
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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Opening Hymn

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Prayer of the Day

First Bible Reading

Psalms of the Day

Luke 1:46b-55

Second Bible Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Today’s Message

Hymn of the Day

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Creed, Prayers & Peace

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Dismissal



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BULLETIN FOR
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord’s Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY’S THEME

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary’s magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ’s advent is for “the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—“we proclaim the Lord’s death.”

Today’s Bible Readings

Micah 5:2-5a Pew Bible p. 756

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10 Pew Bible p. 976

Luke 1:39-45 Pew Bible p. 831

Today’s Message

“I’m Dreaming of a Right Christmas” by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:



Luke 1:52
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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson, Katie Kay

Cancer treatments:

Friends of the congregation: Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, family of Audrey Hettrick

Cancer Friends: Canda, Chris

Other prayer requests: the family of Peggy Sue Seigworth

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir just for the Advent and Christmas Season you would be more than welcome. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord for the Holidays. Please contact Kathy Swanson for rehearsal times over the Holidays.

Thank You - We would like to thank the members of The Stained Glass Ensemble (Carolyn Sturtevant, Mark Eller and Bill Kay) for their gift of music today.