

Service Of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Music Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Song of Preparation *Wonderful* Well Worship

*Time of Greeting/Striking of the Hour

*Call to Worship

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Children's Story Time

Hymn of Adoration *The First Nowell* #85

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

Advent Reading Week Four: Incarnation The Adair Thomas family

Leader: Incarnation is a mysterious thing that we cannot fully comprehend: How the Son of the living God took on flesh to be like us, to save us. Though we do not understand how it happened, we can, like the author of Hebrews, appreciate it greatly: "Therefore he was obligated to be made like his brothers in all respects, in order that he could become a merciful and faithful high priest in the things relating to God, in order to make atonement for the sins of the people. For in that which he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted."

CONGREGATION: Why is it important to remember the incarnation during Advent?

Leader: The one who will be born of a woman will come to be ruler and to set his people free. He will "shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh" and they will dwell securely—he shall be their peace.

The Lighting of The Fourth Advent Candle

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

Morning Prayer

Special Music

Choir

Children depart for the Children's Worship Time

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

God With Us

Dr. Eric Burmahl

WORSHIP THROUGH DEDICATION

*Song of Dedication *Joy to the World* Well Worship

Invitation Prayer

*Benediction

Choral Response

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

*All who are able please stand

Welcome! We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade leave following the Offertory.

Sunday: 10:00 Sunday School.

10:55 **Worship Service** -Please take your poinsettia home today.

5:15 **Choir Practice**

5:15 **Children** should arrive if they are in the program.

6:00 **The Candlelight Program:** After the program we will go to the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship, and a visit from a special guest. You are asked to bring a **snack** to share with others.

We would like to thank the **Ralph and Ann Kelly family** for sharing the beautiful Nativity set with us during this Christmas season. It is in the Parlor on the table.

All 2024 committee chairpersons need to call a meeting of the 2024 committee to elect a chairperson. Please give the new chairperson's name to Mary Griffin.

Please check the mailbox and get all your Christmas cards today.