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Bulletin

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Our Mission:

“Building relationships of Justice, Faith and Hospitality to bring God’s love to all people.”

December 23, 2018 4th Sunday of Advent 10:00 am

SILENT MEDITATION

“I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world.” -Norman Vincent Peale

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

*“Jingle Bells”
“Sing We Now of Christmas”*

-Praise Band

WELCOMING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

***ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

-UMH 206, Vs. 1 & 2

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

-The Lyons Family

Today is the fourth Sunday in the season of Advent. In anticipation of the coming Christ, each week we light another candle of our Advent wreath.

This morning we light the fourth candle, and we wish for the world to know the promise fulfilled in our King, the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor; **and we say, “Many... are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. . . too many to declare.”** As we reflect on the wonder of the promise of Christmas, we give thanks that all of God’s promises to us are fulfilled in the birth, life, and death of Jesus; **and we rejoice in God’s faithful love, which brings us immeasurable joy.** Today we celebrate the joy that is ours in the promised Christ, God with us.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

It's almost Christmas Eve! How quickly this time has come upon us!

We are breathless. Still so much to be done.

Calm your spirits. Take time to hear the wondrous news.

Open our ears to hear Mary's Story

Believe in the good news!

We believe and rejoice! God's love is here with us! Amen.

TIME WITH STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Following this, the children are escorted to a time of activity and learning. Please pick them up in their classrooms following the service.



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PRAYER AND PRAISE

***SONG OF JOY** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* -UMH 230
SCRIPTURE LESSON *Isaiah 12:2-6 in the Old Testament* -Rollin Grider

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us.
For the Word of God within us,
People: Praise be to God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Loving God, even in the midst of this season of goodwill, there is much to confess. In spite of holiday cheer, stress and anxiety rule our lives. We miss the reason for the season, focusing instead on Christmas parties, long to-do lists, and trying to get the shopping done. We fail to think about your reordered world—a world where the lowly are lifted up and the hungry are filled with good things. Help us adjust our Christmas priorities that we might join with you, O God, in preparing a world that welcomes the one who brings us peace. Amen!

PRAYER SONG *“Until Jesus Comes”* -Praise Band

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER -UMH 895

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Hush, My Baby” (Frank Hallock)* -Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 1:39-45 in the New Testament*

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THE MESSAGE *“The Wonder of a Promise”* -Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw



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*The red roses are given by Tommy Thomson
in loving memory of Margie who passed away on Dec. 23, 2012.*