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Bulletin

December 18, 2016
4th Sunday of Advent
8:45 am

Thought for the day

“God of making and unmaking, of tearing down and re-creating, you are my home and habitation, my refuge and place of dwelling. In your hallows I am re-formed, given welcome and benediction, beckoned to rest and rise again, made ready and sent forth.” —Jan L. Richardson

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Praise Band

***Gathering Songs**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”
Vs. 1-2, 4 UMH 218
“Mary Sang a Love Song”

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw
Rev. Frank Hallock

***Advent Candle Lighting Song**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Vs. 6)
UMH 211

***Lighting the Advent Candle**

—Kathy, Billy, Gracie, Drew and Sophie Stempson

Are we still in ADVENT? Isn't the baby born yet? This waiting goes on forever!

We are people of Love! During the season of waiting, we are reminded to love God and love one another. We are ready to love the Baby Jesus and celebrate new birth in the world again!

We light the fourth candle of this season. Our time of waiting is almost up as we prepare our hearts and our home to receive Christ once again!

Great big world...Get ready for the beautiful baby! Jesus is coming to us again! Please receive this Love that God offers! Please open your hearts to be made new! Amen!

Special Music

“What Child is This?”
Kevin Tran, Piano

Blakeslee Chimes

“Birthday of a King” & *“Songs of Praise the Angels Sang”*
Ringers and Singers



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Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 in the Old Testament

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.

Time with Children

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

*Song Before Prayer

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Vs. 1, 3
UMH 230

Community Prayer

O living Christ, we need your love today to shine in the dark corners of our world. Come and cast out loneliness, hatred, war, suffering, greed and lust. Come to us and shine in our lives, that we may more perfectly love you and reflect your love on earth. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"
Praise Band

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38 in the New Testament

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.

Message

"Preparing Home"
Rev. Dr. Leigh Ann Shaw

Offering our Gifts

"The First Noel"
Praise Band

Song of Blessing (Doxology)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



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Offertory Prayer

God of faithfulness and encouragement, we are grateful for the hope you freely give. By Christ's birth in a lowly stable, you prepared the way for his ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection from the dead. Fill us with your Spirit to tell others the good news. As we present our offerings, we ask you to bless the youth and adults whose lives will be uplifted through the mission of this congregation. We pray through Jesus our risen Lord. Amen.

Song of Sending

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240

Benediction

At this time, you may join hands for the Benediction.

**Please stand if you are able.*



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This Sunday...

*Liturgist: Barbara Mitchell; Acolyte(s): Indiana and Michael; Video Tech: Billy Stempson and Sound Tech: Dan Gubaton. *Unless otherwise noted, scripture is from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Next Sunday...December 25 – One Worship Service – 10:00 am

Video Tech: Jake Henselmeier

Sound Tech: Dan Gubaton

Liturgist: Rollin Grider and Lynda Mounts

Acolyte(s): TBA

Flowers are given by:

Larry and Lenore Averell in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 26.