

*Unless stated otherwise, all hymns and psalters are selected from the UMH*

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**Celebration of Word & Advent  
Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018 at 10:15 AM**

Meaning of Signs:

- ◆ Important announcements/notices
- \*\* Please stand if you are able

**The Prelude**

The Lighting of the Candles

- ◆ Welcome and Announcements

\*\*Opening Hymn "Emmanuel" Gray 75

**The Fourth Advent Scripture & Candle Lighting: (people seating)**

**Scripture:**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle:**

**We light this Fourth Advent Candle as a symbol of God's Comforting Peace assuring us that true, enduring Hope, Love, Joy and Peace are God's creation. Only God has the power to give us peace and calm our fears in good and difficult times.**

**All: O God of peace, send your light into our hearts at this time of worship. Help us to be ready for the time of Christ's appearing. Grant that we may so dwell in him that his perfect love and peace will fill our entire being. Make our worship a time in which we celebrate your peace and enable us to show that peace to the whole world - both today - and forevermore. Amen.**

**\*\*Call to Worship: (responsively)**

L: Good morning, we gather in expectation of the birth of Jesus the Source of lasting hope, joy, love and peace.

**P: Good morning, we join you to proclaim the coming of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace.**

L: Scripture tells us that there shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots

**P: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of the knowledge and the fear of the Lord.**

L: The Lord will give you a sign when this is to be accomplished.

**P: A virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a son.**

**All: He will be called Emmanuel.**

**Prayer of Invocation:**

**O God, we thank you for your mercy and grace shown to all generations. We praise you for your constant and never-ending peace, love and faithfulness. We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one - the Messiah - is about to be fulfilled. O come, O come, Emmanuel - God with us forever! Amen.**

**\*\*Sharing the Peace** *Let us offer signs of God's Peace to one another.*

**A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN**

Anthem "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Chime Choir

**<>Sharing of Joys and Concerns- Prayer Request (observing a moment of silence)**

Prayer Hymn: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" Organist

**Pastoral 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.**

**Ministry of God's Written Word**

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-16 Page 1069-70

\*\* Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 Page 1497

**\*\* Preparatory Hymn** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #240

**Sermon:** "The Necessity for Peace" Pastor Anthony Brima

**Offering of Pledges, Tithes and Gifts**

\*\*Doxology "I Surrender All" #354

Prayer of Dedication

**\*\*Hymn of Commitment** "The First Noel" #245

\*\*Benediction

Postlude Organist

Extinguishing of the Candles Acolyte/s

**Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Please come again!**

**Today's Participants in Worship**

Preacher: Pastor Anthony Brima

Liturgist: John German Acolyte: Alexcia Reed

Ushers: Sharrel Knipe & Ralph Mills Greeters: Sharrel Knipe & Ralph Mills

## Prayer List

Christine Butt	Jeff Campbell	Ann & Bob Gehrig	Erma Carson	Rob Siegfried
John D. Miller	Doris Smith	Sharon Wimmer	Carol Steele	Janet Foresman Family
Betty Maroni	Sue Garczynski	Beatti Family	Marcus Wenger	Merle Hively Jr
Jim Steele	Jeannine Cohick	Chrissy Williams	Bill Rahr	Rev. David & Nedra Schmuck
Eleanor Uckele	Barb Guinter	Our Children	Our Shut-ins	The Woodley Family

### TODAY

8:45 AM – Coffee Fellowship  
9:00 AM – Sunday School  
10:15 AM – Worship  
10:15 AM – Nursery (Newborn to 3 yrs.)  
10:15 AM – “Little Church” (4 yrs. to 3<sup>rd</sup> gr.)

### This Week

Mon (25) 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service  
8:00 PM – Cookie Fellowship  
8:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service  
Wed (26) 1:00 PM – Praying Grandmothers  
6:00 PM – Chime Practice  
7:30 PM – Choir Practice

**FAMILY PROMISE WEEK STARTS NEXT SUNDAY**



**Nursery** for ages 0-3 yrs is available during worship.

**Cry Room** is available at the back of the sanctuary for infant care.

**“Little Church”** is for ages 4 yrs-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and meets during worship.

The children are dismissed after the Children’s Chat.

**“Kids 4 Christ”** is for ages 4 yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade and meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday during worship.

**“Little Church” and “Kids 4 Christ” meet in the Kindergarten Class Room.**

## ST. PAUL-CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*BELONGING AND GROWING IN GOD—TOGETHER*

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please consider growing with us as we connect with God, love others, and serve willingly.

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## Announcements/Notices

- ◆ The Food Pantry is in need of replenishing please bring in non-perishable food items, as always consider expiration dates.
- ◆ Please pick up your offering envelopes for 2019 they are in the rear hall by the elevator.
- ◆ Please pick up the 2019 Directory they are in the parlor and fellowship hall.
- ◆ Please contact any Long Sunday school class member for your Rada order
- ◆ **Thank you** for your generous donations for our children at the Stevens and Jackson Elementary Schools. You've blessed the kids with warm, colorful gifts; I can imagine the happy smiles and thanks of appreciation!
- ◆ Did you find an angel ornament on the Family Promise Mission tree in the dining room? There's one waiting for you there, help yourself to one soon. We'll be sharing your donated bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body wash with the central office the final week of December.
- ◆ **Ring in the New Year ~ volunteer during our Family Promise host week!**  
Join in supporting young families on the road to independence by volunteering to host Family Promise in our church beginning, Sunday, December 30 - January 5, 2019. Most opportunities require 1-2 hours of your time, just two volunteers per day to stay overnight. Sue Fluke will be contacting you for available opportunities to volunteer. Please say yes when Sue calls, you will be blessed!

◆ **Please join us again to celebrate the following:**

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| ◆ Christmas Eve                | December 24 at 7 PM Family Service               |
|                                | 8 - 8:30 PM Cookie Fellowship in Fellowship hall |
|                                | 8:30 PM Communion Candle Light Service           |
| ◆ Christmas Service            | Sunday, December 30 @ 10:15 AM                   |
| ◆ New Year Watch Night Service | Monday, December 31 @ 7 PM                       |
| ◆ New Year Service             | Sunday, January 6 , 2019 at 10:15 AM             |

## Today's Sermon

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write the things you want to remember from today's  
sermon**

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Preacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Things to remember:

1.) \_\_\_\_\_

2.) \_\_\_\_\_

3.) \_\_\_\_\_

4.) Other: \_\_\_\_\_