

For what do
you dream in this
Advent Season?



**“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is
conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”**

Matthew 1:20

Service for the Lord's Day
December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering Around the Word

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

Michael Fischer

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

Out of little Bethlehem comes a ruler for God's people,

A shepherd to stand in the strength of the Lord!

His mother is already in labor.

At his birth we will blessed!

We will live in security,

Since his greatness extends to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:2-5

Hymn 119

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord, you have always delivered your people, and now you send us a Savior! The light of his presence restores us. The truth in his teaching sets us free. In his humility is wisdom. His kindness is disarming. The hope he offers is eternal. He is our life and our light. Continue to prepare us for his coming. Make us mindful of the ways our lives can be refashioned to resemble our Lord's life. For it is in the name of Christ that we pray.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Scripture invites
us to meet God.

We turn from
evil ways,
to make ready
for the Lord.

Response Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell'
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

The coming of Christ is the coming of God's great Prince of Peace. Let us share that gift with one another

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Ellington Family

Candles of
Waiting,
Preparing,
Recognizing,
and Receiving

Leader: Mary, the mother of Jesus, received the Lord, saying, "I am the Lord's handmaid; let it be done to me according to your word."

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light four candles. One enlightens our Waiting. The second illuminates our Preparation. By the light of the third candle we Recognize the Lord's presence. The fourth candle is the candle of Receiving.

The congregation is silent as four candles are lighted.

All: We watch. We prepare. We recognize. We pray to be able to receive our Lord when he comes!

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

The Savior Shall Come

Ahaz was too
timid to ask for
the Lord to come.
But the Lord
comes anyway!

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. **The Lord will hear from the King of Judah. Ask for a sign! It can be anything!** But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. **Empty piety! What does the prophet, the Lord's man, say?** Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? **The kingdom of Judah is threatened. Both God and the people are tired of the King's false piety!** Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. **In spite of your faithlessness; look to the Lord.** Look, the young woman-is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. **God with us!** He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. **He will be a prophet and a moral leader, even as a youth.** For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. **In spite of appearances, hold on to hope!**

Anthem

Gloria

arr. Martin Shaw

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Joseph Dreams of Jesus' Birth

He named him
Jesus.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

All Sit

Sermon

I Dreamed A Dream...

Matthew Covington

All Stand

Response Hymn 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

All Sit

Anthem

A Shoot Shall Come Forth

Richard Horn

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

To Be Ordained and Installed, as Elders: Bud Schlinker, Nathan Love, Wayne Hendrix.

To Be Ordained and Installed as Deacons: Rob Byrd, Annette Parkerson,

Angie Alexieff, Kathleen Gildersleeve.

To be Installed: Kim Ferguson, David Muffett, Judy Whitson, Rider Allen

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Offertory

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

David Muffett, vocals Wayne Pope, guitar/vocals

All Stand

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Benediction

Postlude

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

Go out
to serve.

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out. Ushers will be standing by to help you find the information. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

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Announcements

USHERS: The Simmons, Moore, and Humphrey families

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MEDIA PERSONNEL: Barbara Solberg-Hale and Matt Hunt

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Alisia Mosley and Kimberly Watkins

LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, December 29: Isaiah 63:7-9;
Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be David Muffett. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT REHEARSAL TODAY following worship (meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch), done by 1pm. **AND TUESDAY AT 4:00pm.** On Tuesday, please come to the Parlor and we will put on costumes and rehearse ahead of our 5:00pm service. All children and youth are welcome (and will be included – there's no script except for our readers).

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - one of the four special denominational offerings, we are collecting the Christmas Joy offering today. You may use the envelopes in the bulletin or just mark your check 'Joy Offering.' 50% of this offering supports the Racial/Ethnic schools related to the P.C.(U.S.A.) and the other 50% helps support retired Church workers who face a financial crisis such as unexpected medical bills. Your generosity helps younger generations with education and those who have faithfully served and find a need for a bit extra help.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING? Each Sunday we come together to worship and learn about God. During the Sunday School hour, our children and youth attend class to hear the Bible and learn to apply it to their lives. Parents can follow up and continue learning at home!

Preschoolers celebrated Jesus' birth from Luke 2:5-7. **Our Kindergarten - 3rd grade students** in Godly Play learned about the visit of the Magi, Matthew 2:1-12. Emmanuel, God With Us from Matthew 1:18-24 was the theme for **4th and 5th Graders.** **PLEASE READ** the scripture stories at home and ask your children what they heard. Wonder together what God wants you to know and do because of these stories! If you need a good storybook, ask Leslee or visit our Children's Library- we have a good selection. Especially with younger children, a good Bible storybook is important! **PLEASE NOTE:** next week Sunday School will **BREAK!**

ROOM IN THE INN HAS BEGUN. HELP IS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS EVERY THURSDAY! Sign up sheets are available in the 10th Ave Lobby - many hands make light work and make a huge difference for our guests. Having a safe and warm place to sleep during the cold winter months is important and this ministry makes a big impact. Help once or often - every volunteer is valued and needed! See David Coverdale or Shannon Dyche.

COMING UP:

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Please join us on Tuesday, December 24: 5:00pm Family Service with Communion and Pageant; 10:00pm Candles and Communion. Child care for ages 3 and under is available at 5:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK NEXT WEEK! We will gather at 9:30am for breakfast fellowship and then worship at 10:30am.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT! Tuesday December 31, 4:00pm until (10:00pm or earlier). Bring an appetizer/party food, any games you want to play and enjoy a time of feasting, fun and fellowship! Come when you can, leave when you must. We are guaranteed to be home in time to be cozy for the Times' Square Ball Drop! Questions? See Leslee Kirkconnell.

Calendar

Sunday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, December 23

5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, December 24- Christmas Eve

11:00 a.m. Special Care
5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Worship
10:00 p.m. Candles & Communion
Worship

Wednesday, December 25

Office closed/Christmas Day

Thursday, December 27

6:00 p.m. Room in the Inn

CIRCLES CIRCLE 3 will meet on Monday, January 6th at 11:00am at Village Manor. The WEDNESDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, January 8th at 9:15am in the youth room. CIRCLE 6 will meet on Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00am at the home of Peggy Truman (2945 Smallhouse Rd., Apt. 609). The SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE will meet Sunday, January 12th at 9:45am. CIRCLE 9 will meet on Monday, January 13th at 11:30am. The TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm.

THREE CENTS A MEAL COLLECTION IS NEXT SUNDAY! Our children and youth will come around with the big cans to collect your coins, checks, bills. \$8.10 is an individual quarterly contribution, but we are grateful for all gifts. One third stays to help our Food Pantry (which is seeing an increase in demand), the remainder goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION - SUNDAY JANUARY 5, 9:00AM. POTLUCK BREAKFAST. Please bring a dish to share - casserole, fruit, pastry, bagels, juice etc. We will have cereal and milk here. All ages, with nursery for those under 3 as needed. Story, song, and more. Join us!

OTHER NEWS:

DID YOU KNOW? Our Sunday School offering has been designated to help Uspiritus (now Centerstone) purchase backpacks and suitcases for the children and youth in their care. Each quarter the CE Ministry will designate a particular non-budget project for the dollars we receive each Sunday. We will collect for Uspiritus through December. Beginning in January, our Sunday School offering will support our youth mission project of Clean Up Buckets for Church World Service - watch for more details on this project, begin led by Barbara Solberg-Hale!

T-SHIRTS Margaret Stein will be in the 10th Street lobby selling the remainder of our 200th anniversary t-shirts. Please drop by and pick one up. \$20 per shirt; limited sizes available. Questions? Reach out to Margaret at margaret_f_stein@hotmail.com.

ART EXHIBIT Artworks is currently featured in Fellowship Hall for a new exhibit. Be sure to stop by and see it! This show will run until January 16th.

Christmas Eve Worship
Tuesday, December 24th
5:00pm and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE – We have two services this Christmas Eve. Please join us as we celebrate, at 5:00pm for a family Christmas worship, or at 10:00pm for a Candlelight and Communion service. As always all are welcome, so invite family and friends to come along.