

Trumansburg United Methodist Church
December 23rd, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

✝ Color: Purple



Come in.

*Come into this place which we make special by our presence.
Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified, the human
is celebrated, the compassionate is expected.*

*Come into this place.
Together we make it a holy place.*

Ritual of Friendship and Welcome

News of the Congregation

Musical Call to Worship

*We will observe a moment of silence as we turn our hearts
towards God.*

Prelude

Greeting:

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Call to Worship:

L: Glory to God for the gift of a Son.

P: Glory to God for Jesus.

L: Glory to God for sending a Son.

P: Glory to God for Jesus: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

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P: Glory to God for Jesus!

*Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" #220
Found in the red hymnal

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Mark & Marie Rich)

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.

Opening Prayer: Prepare our hearts, O God, to receive the Christ Child once more. When we are lost in darkness, shine your light into the darkness of our world. When the gloom clings tightly to us, shine your glory into the shadows of our lives. Overcome our fear, Holy One, and inspire us to leave our flocks, and seek the Christ Child today. Prepare our hearts, O God, to behold your precious gift in awe and wonder. Amen. (*silent prayer*)

Words of Assurance

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Praying Together

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.

Anthem "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7
(pg. 1028 in the pew Bible)

Leader: Hear what the scripture says to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Offertory

***Doxology:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn:** "The First Noel" #245
Found in the red hymnal

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20
(pg. 1560-1561 in the pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Jeff Losey

***Hymn:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" #218
Found in the red hymnal

***Benediction**

✠✠✠ *Making the "sign of the cross" is a prayer in motion that many use during the benediction.* ✠✠✠



**You are invited to stand if you are able.*

GREETERS: Jerry & Sandy Reynolds

MUSIC: Francine & Jack Darling & the Choir

ALTAR GUILD REPRESENTATIVE: Joan Organ

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS ARE
AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE.**

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(ASK A "GREETER") OR BY USING THE "TELEPHONE"
SETTING OF YOUR HEARING AID.**