

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

WELCOME

Praise and Prayer

PRELUDE

“My Soul in Stillness”

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Kim & Mark Werth

Reader: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O [fill in name of church or community], from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

*OPENING HYMN “Savior of the Nations, Come” #214

Words by Martin Luther, trans by William Reynolds and Music harm. by J.S. Bach

PRAYER

During this time of prayer, we invite you to name aloud or quietly in your heart the prayers that are on your heart. After a time of prayer lead by Pastor Brian, we’ll pray together the Lord’s Prayer.

Naming our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

#895

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Chancel Choir

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Pastor Brian

During the Children’s Message, children of all ages are welcome to come forward for a brief lesson with Pastor Brian. Pastor Brian will have a treat for the children to return to their seat with. The Children’s Moment will be presented on our YouTube broadcast.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Micah 5: 2-5a NRSV

Luke 1: 26-45 NRSV

MUSIC

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” v. 6

#234

SERMON

“A Promise Told”

Pastor Brian

Sermon Series: “Come, Let Us Adore Him”

REFLECTIVE MEDITATION “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

On Screen

Responding to the Word

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Mission and Ministry Moment

Offertory

*Doxology “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #240

Sending Forth

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Pastor Brian

POSTLUDE

***Please Stand** (Those who are unable to stand, please feel free to remain seated.)