

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

9:00 a.m. Gathering in the Spirit

## WORD OF WELCOME

### **\*PRAISE & CELEBRATION OF GOD**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” vv. 1-3 #238

Traditional French Carol

“What Child is This” vv. 1 & 3 #219

Words by William C. Dix

### **ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Rhonda & David Lessel

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 Grand Blanc, 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.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Peace Has Come”

Words and Music by Hastings, Simmon, Fielding  
Common Grace

## **CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

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 and an activity page for the children to return to their seat with.

Children’s Time will be presented on our YouTube broadcast.

## **PRAYER**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Micah 5: 2-5a NRSV

Luke 1: 26-45 NRSV

## **MESSAGE**

Sermon Series: “Come, Let Us Adore Him”

*“A Promise Told”*

Pastor Brian

## **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

*During this time of music, please pass the basket at the end of your pew to the center and the ushers will collect today’s offering and connect cards. If you prefer to give online, you can do so at [grandblancumc.org](http://grandblancumc.org) today or any day! Thank you for your support of our many ministries.*

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

## **CLOSING SONG**

“Joy to the World” #246

Words by Issac Watts and Music Arr. By G. F. Handel

## **\*BLESSING AND INVITATION**

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