

REACH OUT IN CHRIST

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24th, 2023 10:00am

Prelude “Gésu Bambino” Yon

Lighting of Advent Candles Greg Smith

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Welcome

Introit Choir

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #234:1-3

Call to Worship

Leader: God’s Spirit has led us here.

People: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is PEACE.

L: God’s Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is HOPE.

L: God’s Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is JOY.

L: God’s Spirit has led us here.

P: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is LOVE.

L: There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in the place,

ALL: And we know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord! Amen!

Children’s Message

Pastor Lee

Receiving of Offering

(You may use this QR code to make online offerings)



Doxology

#95

A Time of Prayer

Pastor Lee

(Also share your concerns through YouTube Live comments.)

Response: “Hear our prayer, O God”

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 “Rejoice and Be Merry” Fettke&Grassi

Scripture: Romans 8:35-39

Sermon “The Unbreakable Love” Pastor Lee

Hymn “Once in Royal David's City” #250

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude “Hyfrydol” Vaughan-Williams

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Lettie Witt, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Rita Harned, Starla Knox, Tom Miller, Ramona Vaughn, Susan (Kay Cooper’s friend), Ainsworth Brown, Joann & Tony Bolt, Pat McDowell, Joan Klingensmith, Kathi Belcher, George Kranz.

WEEKLY REPORT

*Worship attendance December 17, 2023: 121 people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**—Come and join us this evening (12/24) at 7pm.

***CHRISTMAS OFFERING**—Special envelopes are provided for your convenience.

***PLEDGE CARDS**—For your 2024 Giving are still available to pick up in the Narthex and give during Offering.

***ALTAR FLOWERS**—New signup chart in the Narthex. Please choose a date if you would like to dedicate the altar flowers for Sunday worship to someone. They are \$30. Please mark your envelope/check “flowers”. Contact the office to let us know in whose memory/honor they are.

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