

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22nd, 2024

10:00am

PRELUDE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Shellby Russel

Leader: Today, we light the fourth candle of Advent, the **Candle of Love**. This flame symbolizes the love God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. As John's Gospel proclaims: **Scripture:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Leader: May this light inspire us to reflect God's love in our lives and share it with those around us.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

WELCOME

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #234:1-3

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Look, the time is getting ripe for the tree. The flowers have bloomed.

People: God's promises are being fulfilled in our midst.

Liturgist: From the beginning we thought there was no hope.

People: But little leaves made their way to the light - as we make our way to God's light.

Liturgist: Then the buds showed themselves - as we take our journey toward God.

People: Now the branch is in flower - as we are called to be fruitful with God's promise for us.

Liturgist: Praise be to God.

People: Hallelujah! AMEN.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Lee

OFFERTORY

RECEIVING OF OFFERING

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



DOXOLOGY

#95

BAPTISM CEREMONY

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.

CANTATA "A Thrill of Hope" (Raney) Choir

BENEDICTION

ALLELUIA

POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are presented to the Glory of God and to celebrate the birth of the Holy Child by Carla and George Kranz.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Starla Knox, Ainsworth Brown, Joann Bolt, Joan Klingensmith, George Kranz, Jeanne Summerford, Paul Bennett, Vonnie Maytum, Donna and Glenn Hammel, Karen McGinley, Marcia and Ralph Watt, Fr. Kevin (Bob Yarnell’s brother), Blane Phillips (Belinda Hill’s brother), Heidi McConnell.

WEEKLY REPORT (12/15/2024)

*Worship attendance: 102 people.
*Giving: General Fund \$6,221, Children’s Home \$10, Communion \$10, Pack-a-Sack \$100, Food Pantry \$100, Christmas \$55, Building Fund \$500, Total \$6,996.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *REPORTED LOVE OFFERING—\$1,382.
- *CANDLELIGHT SERVICE—Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 6pm.
- *OFFICE CLOSED—Wednesday, December 25, 2024.
- *FUMC DIRECTORY UPDATE—Please let the office know if your address, phone number, or email has changed. If you wish, you can also submit a new picture. We will print a new directory in January 2025.
- *CRAFT GROUP—Mondays 12:30pm.
- *BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays 10am. NO study on December 25, 2024.
- *PRAYER GATHERING—No meeting until 1/8/2025.
- *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”. Also indicate in whose memory/honor they are.

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