

December 22, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30AM *Those
who are able, please stand
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We sincerely hope the service will inspire you and be a blessing to you. This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Today we light the Fourth Candle - Candle of Love

The flowers on the Alter are given in memory and honor as listed on the bulletin insert.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

December 22, 2024 Free Lunch 11:00-12:30 with North Main UMC
December 25, 2024 with North Bush, Northville and North Main UMC
Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2022 @ 3:00 and 7:00 PM in Sanctuary
with Candle lighting and Communion

MUSICAL PRELUDE: “Emanuel, Emanuel” Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison) The Holy One forgives and bestows favor on each of us, even and especially when we are lowly in spirit. We are blessed from generation to generation by the Mighty One, whose strength and mercy are forever. The light and hope of Christ lives in each of us. In Christ there is no darkness. Cause your light to shine on us and through us to others, so that they may know of you and your Love. Amen

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, when all was darkness, God spoke the word of Light and brilliant light shown forth. It was the glorious light of Creation.

People: Praise be to God for the wonders of all this earth and its inhabitants.

Leader: In due time, when darkness began to invade the land again, God sent the prophets to reclaim God’s people.

People: Praise God for the wondrous ways in which God enters our lives.

Leader: Let us worship the God of Light and of Presence. In the midst of darkness, God brought us light.

People: Praise be to God for bringing the gift of light and peace to our lives.

The lighting of the Advent Candle The Fourth Candle - The Candle of Love
..Nancy Cairo Estes and Sally Kwak
w/ pianist Mavis Baldwin Light the Advent Candle vs 4 TFWS 2090

GATHERING HYMN: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

In the rush of preparation for holiday celebration, we come to this place to be fed by God. We need the peace, hope, love and joy that this season represents. We need to listen again with wonder at the magnificent words of Mary as she proclaims her faithful participation in God’s most miraculous gift. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to receive the words and the blessings, to be fed and then to be those who will share with others as you have shared with us. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

Time with God’s Children:

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE “Into My Heart” Vs. 1

TFWS 2160

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Away in a Manger”

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Loving God, as we bring you our tithes and offerings this day, we are reminded once again that we need your sign, we need your Son, not as simply a reminder of history but as a new direction. We need what only a Savior can give us. Guide us by your signs on this day and as we begin the journey to Bethlehem

once again. Accept these gifts we bring today in Jesus name, to whom be the glory forever! Use these gifts to enhance our mission in this church, our community and the world. Amen

SONG OF COMMITMENT “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” UMH 240

Special Reading: Christmas Prayer (in Unison) UMH 231

Psalter Reading: Canticle of Love UMH 646

Affirmation of Faith: Please Stand Apostle’s Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI: (*We use this ancient response to praise God*)

Scripture Readings LUKE 1: 26-45

SHARING THE STORY “Jesus Birth Foretold” Pastor Joyce

SENDING SONG “O Little Town of Bethlehem” UMH 230

THE SENDING FORTH (unison)

God of Light and Hope, in whom there is no darkness, cause your light to shine on us and through us to others, that they may know of you and of your Love.

Let us witness to your gift of Jesus who came and taught us how to live as children of Light. Be strengthened by the light of Christ. Go in peace and spread peace and light wherever you go in Jesus name.

MUSICAL POSTLUDE “There’s a Song in the Air“ Mavis Baldwin

Prayer List: Prayer List: Logan Salvione, Robert Goodell, Sr., Nancy Egan, Family of Mary Steele, Mike Frederick’s Mother Ann, Bev Bartlett, Sheila McDonald, Calae Bonfey, Logan Rose, Jean Hart, Elaine Schrum, Carol Johnson, Kevin Quaresino, Portia Robles, Dave & Stacy Winnie, Ivy Patterson, Family of Andrea Russell and for her daughter Zoey and Matt Brezosky, James’s Mother and Uncle. Family of Jack Burns, Family of Sandra Miller. Mike Maczdlowski