

Mentor United Methodist Church

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The liturgical color is purple, signifying our penitence and the royalty of Christ.

GATHERING

Prelude "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
arr. Cathy DeRousse
Amy Bender, organist

Lighting of the Candles

Presentation of God's Holy Word

Please sign and pass the attendance pad that you find at the end of each pew.

If you are joining us for the first time today, please complete the blue sheet.

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Beverly Wrobel

Lighting Of The Advent Candle

9:00 Nemelka Family

11:00 Neibecker Family

Fourth Sunday -

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we rejoice in the faithfulness of God. Even when we forget about Him or go our own way, He upholds His covenant of love with us. To make things right with us, He sent His Son as a baby who became a man who died on the Cross to bring us forgiveness of sins.

"This is what the Lord says, 'In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to say to the captives, 'Come out,' and to those in darkness, 'Be free!'" – Isaiah 49:8

Today, we re-light the candle of expectant hope, disruptive joy, and jealous love; and we light the candle of peace, remembering that we have peace with God through the covenant faithfulness we see in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

* **Hymn 211** (vs. 4) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

* **Prayer** (responsive)

Leader: For your word which endures

People: We give you thanks

Leader: For your promises to which we hold

People: We give you thanks

Leader: For your faithfulness that does not falter

People: We give you thanks

Leader: For your peace that never fails

People: We give you thanks, Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 250** "Once in Royal David's City"

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Anthem 9:00 "The People Who Walk In Darkness" Pepper Choplin
Charter Members

11:00 "Prepare the Way of The Lord" Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Old Testament page 520 Isaiah 49:8-16

Sermon "Under Wraps -God is Faithful" Rev. Kurt Landerholm

Response to the Word

* **Hymn 196** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Morning 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.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory 9:00 "The First Noel" Dan Forrest
Charter Members
11:00 "Who But the Lord?" Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

*** Doxology** UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING FORTH

*** Hymn 229** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY

*** Pastoral Benediction**

*** Postlude** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" arr. Wilbur Held

** Members of the congregation stand if able.*

Altar flowers are presented by the Tom Patterson family
in memory of Paula Patterson, wife, mom and Grammie.

The yellow rose is presented by the Post Family
in loving memory of daughter Charlene Clayton.

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