

10:00am
Traditional Worship
Sanctuary


HENNEPIN
AVENUE UMC

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the bold text.

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE *Improvisation on Veni Emmanuel*
Andrew Hackett, organ

CHORAL INTROIT

*Do you see what I see?
Do you hear what I hear?
Do you know what I know?
Christ, coming soon, bringing goodness and light!*

+LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Micah 5:2-5a
Karen Andrew, Laurel Curtis, Margaret Osbourne, Carol Southward

Join me in the words of the prophet Micah: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore God shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of their kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And Jesus shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

This morning we light the fourth candle in the Advent wreath. This candle stands for *prayer*. We are reminded of the prayerful watching for the return of God. We are reminded of the active praying to which we are called, for peace to be delivered to the entire world. We are reminded to open our hearts to welcome the arrival of our Prince of Peace. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pray!



Do You Hear What I Hear?
A four-week Advent series

- Dec 16 **Know!**
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Rev. Judy Zabel

Blue Christmas Worship Service
5:00pm, Art Gallery
Rev. Frenchye Magee
- Dec 23 **Pray! Listen to What I Say.**
Luke 1:46b-55
Rev. Frenchye Magee
- Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**
Contemplative Christmas
2:00pm, Art Gallery
Rev. Frenchye Magee

Christmas Pageant
4:00pm, Sanctuary
Rev. Nate Melcher

Carols & Candlelight
7:30pm, Sanctuary
(7:00pm Prelude Concert)
Rev. Judy Zabel

Candlelight Communion
11:00pm, Sanctuary
(10:30pm Prelude Concert)
Rev. Judy Zabel
- Dec 30 *Superheroes of Faith*
Luke 5:1-11
Rev. Nate Melcher
- Jan 6 **Epiphany Sunday**
Building Bridges; Dismantling Racism: America's Original Sin, Embedded Racism
Isaiah 58:1-14
Rev. Nate Melcher

+ HYMN NO. 202

People, Look East

BESANÇON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nate Melcher

God of ancient promises and new visions, in all generations you have revealed yourself as one who desires justice and true peace for all people, and your nature is always to show mercy to those who seek it.

In this Advent season of preparation, this is our confession: we are never ready for Jesus.

Dazzled by the false gods we created in our image, we still cling to the empty promise that wealth, power, greed, and empire can satisfy our longing for connection and community. The extravagant love, the radical hospitality, the risk and vulnerability offered in an infant Savior are all too much for us to comprehend.

And so we ask, set our hearts free to receive the gift you offer; set our minds free to receive the truth of transformation; set our lives free to receive the beauty of Bethlehem so we might live beyond our human frailty into the wholeness and goodness you have created. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PSALTER OF PRAYER: PSALM 80

David Focht

Response (R):



Re - store us, Lord, and show your face, and then we shall be saved.

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!(R)

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. (R)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Frenchye Magee

Children are invited forward for the Time with Children.



TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Nate Melcher

+ SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet each other by name and with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

We Hear the Word

+GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46b-55 (NIV)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pray! Listen to What I Say. Rev. Frenchye Magee

We Respond to the Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Judy Zabel

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS & OURSELVES

MUSICAL OFFERING

God's Love Made Visible
Sanctuary Choir

Dave & Iola Brubeck

+ PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Maker, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel*

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In Our Prayers This Week

Deaths

Sue Crawford, former member

Hospice

Doug Jeranson

Care Center

LaVonne Grover

Recovering at Home

Kristin Koch-Wahl

Prayer Requests

E. Sharon Hayenga

Kate Lewis

Michelle and Debbie Malouf

Bob Beach

Paul and Elizabeth Steiner (death
of Paul's mother, Linda)

Angie Manbeck (death of her father,
Paul Swedberg)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The safe arrival of our new refugee
family

Our new members

The baptism of Kolbie and Hendrix
Reider

Prayers for Our World

First responders and their families

U.S. military active duty and
military families

Local, state and national leaders

World leaders and the

international peace process

A just and compassionate

response to asylum seekers,

especially women and children

All who are homeless, especially

those in the Hiawatha

encampment

The country and people of Yemen

Prayers for Our Church

You are invited to pray from 2:23-

2:26 pm each day for the 864

delegates and 200 alternates

who will attend the 2019 General

Conference, and for the mission,

ministry, and unity of the United

Methodist Church as we discern

the way forward.



We Take the Word Into the World

The Acolytes lead us in carrying the light of Christ into the world.

Clergy

Frenchye Magee, Associate Pastor of
Congregational Care &
Invitational Discipleship
Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor of
Faith Development
Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor
Jim McChesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation

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+ HYMN No. 240

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

+ BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Antioch

Andrew Hackett, Organ

Today's sanctuary flowers are in loving memory of
Dr. Beth Anne Walden and Jodi Lee Walden and in honor of
Jennifer Lynn Walden from their mother Carol Ann Walden-Kroll and Ray Kroll.