

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:30 a.m. Sunday 20 December 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Lighting of candles and prelude

Lighting of the Advent candles*:FOURTH SUNDAY Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.

(Hope to Joy, 20th Cent., Alt.)

Response: 2090 *(Verse 4 only)***(Spoken)** "Light the Advent
Candle"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: **(Spoken)** 230 *(Verse 4 only)*
"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

First lesson: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalter: 199 **(Spoken)** Luke 1:46b-55 "Canticle of Mary"
(Magnificat) (Response: **O Come, let us adore him,**
Christ, the Lord. 234)

Second lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Carol: 2093 **(Spoken)**"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: *"Impossible."*

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

Song: 227 **(Spoken)** "The Friendly Beasts"

Blessing

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