

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8:30 a.m. Sunday 18 December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(2)

ENTRANCE

(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)

Prelude and lighting of candles

Praise choruses: Selected carols

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, U.S.A., 20th cent. alt.)

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for illumination: 230 *(Verse 4 only)*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

First lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalter: *(Insert, alternate leader & people)* Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second lesson: Romans 1:1-7

Song: 229 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Gospel lesson: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: "Always"

Joys, concerns, prayers

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)

All are welcome

SENDING FORTH

Song: 217 "Away in a Manger"

Blessing_

Postlude and extinguishing of candles

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