

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 December 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Let us magnify the Lord.

Let us rejoice in God our Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things for us:

Holy is God's name! *(Luke 1)*

*Opening Prayer**:
O Mighty God, whose strong arm does
defend those who
are your servants:

**So fill us with joy and expectation
at the coming of your Son our Lord,
that we may for ever sing your greatness
to the ends of the earth;**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
for ever. Amen.**

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"

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PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Psalter: 199 Luke 1:47-55 "Canticle of Mary" (Magnificat)
*(Response: O Come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord. 234)*

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10)

*Hymn of Preparation: 241 "That Boy-Child of Mary"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-45

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*The Peace: Let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: 234 *(Verse 4 only)* "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 234 *(Verse 3 only)* "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving: 234 *(Verse 5 only)*

"O Come., All Ye Faithful"

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

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SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 192 "There's A Spirit in the Air"

*Closing Prayer^:

Almighty God, you inspired the virgin Mary,
mother of your Son,
to visit Elizabeth and assist her in her need.

**Keep us open to the working of your Spirit,
and with Mary may we praise you for ever.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.** (*Sacramentary,
U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt*)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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