

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**8:30 a.m. Sunday 22 December 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**ENTRANCE**

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

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)* "Light the Advent Candle"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

First lesson: Micah 5:1-5a

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

Carol: 229 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-45

Sermon

Joys, concerns, prayers

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**THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION (Page 15ff)**

*(All are welcome)*

**SENDING FORTH**

Song: 2092 "Like a Child"

Blessing: 670 "Go Forth for God"

Postlude and extinguishing of candles/Going forth

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