



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

**December 24th, 2023**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

**ONE:** With Hope, we have waited for the birth of the Christ-child;

**ALL: We wait for Christ to be born in us today.**

**ONE:** With Peace, we pray for the world, we pray for our communities;

**ALL: The Prince of Peace reigns in our hearts.**

**ONE:** With Joy, we expectantly prepare for the Good News of the Messiah;

**ALL: Joyfully we celebrate that Christ is coming again.**

**ONE:** With Love, we give selflessly, knowing God has given us the most wonderful gift;

**ALL: God's love is in us, through the gift of Jesus the Christ.**

**ONE:** In this time of worship,

**ALL: May Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shine forth from us to the world, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      *Jubilation Ringers*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Leader: Hope is assertive, and peace subversive, and joy provocative. But we know that faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love. Love is all these words and all the things we cannot say. Love is transformative. Love is the only thing that can change the world because love has changed us. Love has come to us as a God who became one of us, lived and died for us, and lives again. Love has come to us as a God who risked everything to make us understand that nothing is impossible. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We will never give up because love is real. Love simply is there. God's love in us is a fire that never dies. God loves you so, so much, that God sent the only Son for us, so that we might all know God's love eternally. We light this candle because God is love.

*Light the fourth candle*

**All: God of love, remind us that love is transformative, but it must be shared. We must love one another as You have first loved us, for You loved us so much You sent the Son to us, so that we might know that love can never die, that Your steadfast love remains forever. As Your love transformed the world long ago, Your love continues to transform us into Your children, and we await the promise that love will change the world again. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

*UMH #203*

**THE BASKET**    *Building a House for the Lord – Love*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**God, the more we know you, the more it is that joy dances in our souls. So, as we open the pages of our family's history, show yourself in its words. Whisper your love in our ears. Draw us into the embrace of your arms. Let our hearts beat a little faster, as we hear the sound of your voice so near.**

### **SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38**

Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**MESSAGE**

*Mary's Yes!*

**PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

**OFFERTORY**    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 7*

*UMH #211*

*Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Here, Lord, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. AMEN**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*UMH #240*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS December 24, 2023**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS December 25 – 31**

**Monday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

**Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup>**

*The Office will be closed.*

*Have a Merry and joy-filled Christmas!*

**Friday December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Friday Morning Prayer @ 7pm on Facebook

**Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas Worship @ 10am

**Prayer and Devotion on Friday Mornings**  
**at 7am on Facebook.**

**Our Facebook page is: UMC.Wayne**

Join Pastor Ninabeth for this 30 minute gathering.  
You do not have to be a Facebook user to participate.

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*Please join us this evening for our candlelight services:*



# CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24

4th Sunday of Advent Worship @ 10am

Christmas Eve Family Service  
with Parish Drive @ 4:30pm

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols @ 7:00pm

