

The liturgical color is purple for the 4th Sunday in Advent		
Prelude	“The First Noel” Canticle Bell Choir	arr. Kevin McChesney
Choral Introit	“Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus)” Chancel Choir	Dan Forrest
WELCOME	Jack Donahue, liturgist	
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
L: Through his teaching and his life, C: we have learned from Christ how to live to God.		
L: By his death and resurrection, C: we have been saved and claimed by God.		
L: As witnesses to God’s eternal love. C: we bow down and worship the King of kings, the Lord of Lord.		
L: At this birth, the angels proclaimed it! C: He is the Wonderful Counselor, the Prince of Peace.		
A: We thank God for this time of worship and praise!		
*OPENING HYMN	“Sing We Now of Christmas”	UMH 237
*PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING PRAYER		
ADVENT WREATH HYMN	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verse 4	UMH 211
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING		
Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we consider Jesus as love in human form. He is the love that sees us for who we are even in the midst of our imperfections. We know that the love of God is not something we have to earn but is something freely given. As we prepare our hearts for Jesus’ birth this season, may we experience the overwhelming love of Jesus.		
Response: Most Loving God, help us to experience your love through Jesus’ birth.		
Reader: As the candle of Love is lit, may we receive God’s abundant love and grace and in turn share it with the world.		
<i>Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School</i>		
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 56:1-2, p. 525	

**Congregation invited to stand if able*

ANTHEM	“Who But the Lord?”	Craig Courtney
SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS		
SILENT PRAYER		
PASTORAL PRAYER		
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.		
MENTOR IN MINISTRY		
SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	“Emmanuel, El Shaddai”	arr. Sondra K. Tucker
*DOXOLOGY #94 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Lord Jesus, you warned us not to store up treasure here on earth, but to store up treasures in heaven. Guard our hearts and may we, in bringing our offerings to you now send up praises to the kingdom. We give you thanks for your ability to give in your powerful name. Amen.		
HYMN OF CENTERING	“Majesty, Worship His Majesty” (2xs)	UMH 176
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 9:2,6-7, p. 489	
MESSAGE	“God With Us: Love Beyond Love” Rev. Dr. Ivy Smith	
HYMN OF MISSION	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH 238

*BENEDICTION

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Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

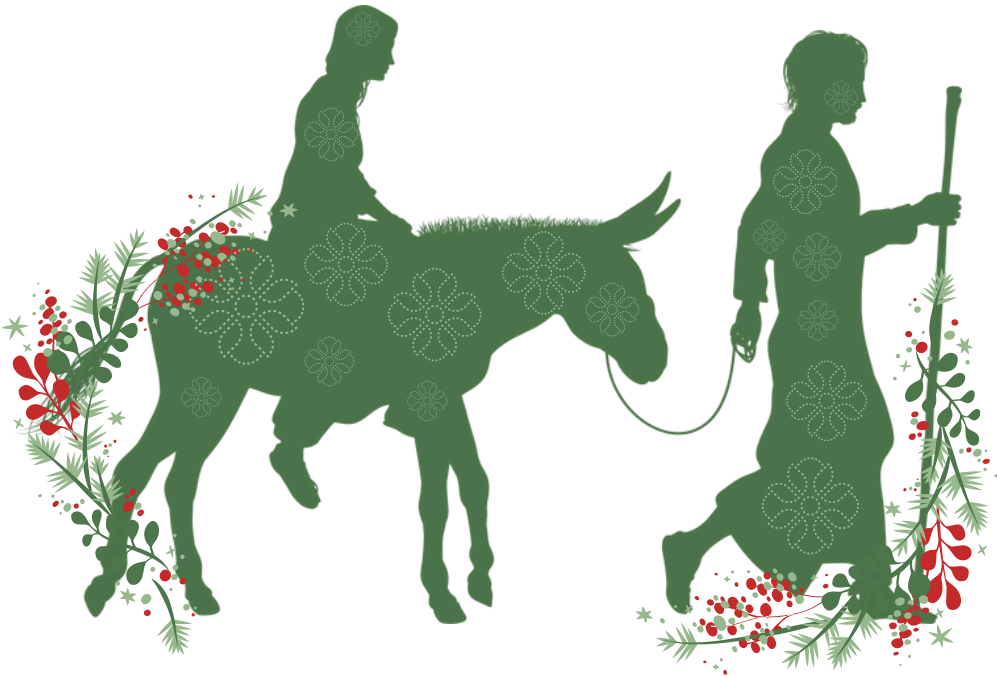
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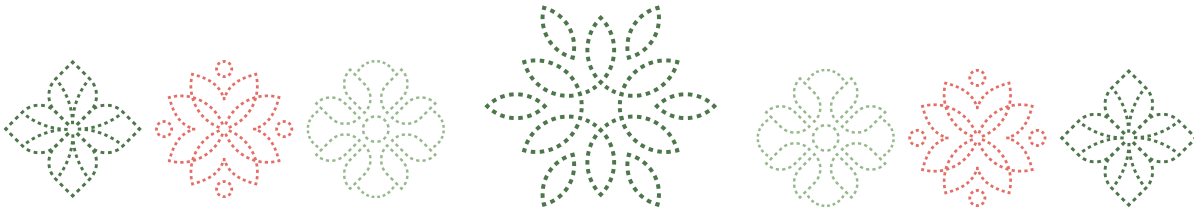
"A Festal Fanfare" from The Fourth Concerto
J. S. Bach / arr. Thompson

Altar Flowers are presented by Tom Patterson
In Loving Memory of Paula Patterson, Wife, Mother, and Grammie.

For flowers, please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485



God With Us





YOUTH! What are you into? What do you want to see? What do you want to do?

 **NO!**  **Maybe...**  **Yesssss**

React to the messages below
by circling an emoji
& leave your contact info
so Mackalyn can get in touch!

Tea Time on Sundays @ 10



Coffee Shop Meet ups pls



Middle School Sunday School



Parks, Museums, Hikes, Skating,
Game nights, Lock-ins, etc.



Pls leave ur contact info!!

Outreach & Missions



Meals like group dinners, ice
cream outings, breakfasts



Retreats & UMC Events



Name & number or email:

Drop off this sheet in the office, offering
box, or hand to Mackalyn!

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Members who are in need of prayer:

Karen Mancini, Marilyn Oliver, Luke Sanvido, Lois Dyckman, Pam
Crawley, Bob Linsell, Dick & Nancy Smith, Andy Champa

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The Enclave - Delores Tackett, Johanna Kessler, Dee Smith,
Mary Lou Haines, John Shetler, Carol Anderson, Doug Kepp
Governors Point - Doris Sturm
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Mary Ann Haycox
Mentor Ridge - Russ Lancaster
Tapestry - Gloria McFeely
Symphony of Mentor - Lorraine Ahlstrom
Breckenridge/Fairmount - Patricia Laubscher
Village of St. Edward - Dale Porter
Holly Hill - Floyd Richards

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Georgeanna Allen,
who passed on December 19, 2024.**

**Love & Sympathy to the family and friends of Ida Reynolds,
who passed this month.**

Advent Season

December 24th Christmas Eve Services

Communion, 3 PM

Family, 5 PM

Modern, 7 PM

Traditional, 9 PM

December 29th, 30th

*Youth Holiday Lock-In, 7 PM–8 AM,
gather, celebrate, and have some Holy Shenanigans*

*Ongoing through the season:
Join us in the Gallery for Fellowship:
hear live music & have refreshments*

*Join us for Communion in the Chapel
between services every Sunday*

Upcoming. This Week

Monday, December 23

- Carr Journey Group

Tuesday, December 24

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Communion Service, 3 PM
- Family Service, 5 PM
- Modern Service, 7 PM
- Traditional Service, 9 PM

Wednesday, December 25

- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, December 26

Friday, December 27