

4th Sunday of Advent – December 19th, 2021 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Sounding Brass

Advent Call to Worship (Responsive)

Light and PEACE in our Lord, Jesus Christ

He is the light of the world, and the peace of our lives.

Light and PEACE in our Lord, Jesus Christ,

He is the light of the world, and the peace, which surrounds us.

Light and PEACE in our Lord, Jesus Christ.

He is the light of the world, and the peace that shines in the darkness.

Darkness shall not overcome the light of this peace. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Opening Hymn*

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Bob Sherman

Holy God, in your peace our restless hearts are comforted. In your peace, we need not fear the grave either for ourselves or our loved ones. In your peace, strangers and enemies can become friends. In your peace, forgiveness is possible. In your peace, the nations of the world can lay down their weapons. In your peace, trust is built, and hope is restored. Prince of Peace, in your peace, we find our peace. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle (Responsive)

Paul and Cheryl Carmen

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. (*Light four candles.*) We light the Candle of Peace for all God's people struggling to know the peace that only Christ can bring, the peace, which passes all understanding.

God, as we wait for your promise, give us peace and light.

The light of your peace, Loving God, scatters the darkness of our hearts. The light of your peace scatters the darkness around us. Thank you for sharing your great light with us.

This candle that burns is a symbol of God's peace in our lives.

God of Peace, come to us again this Advent. Amen.

Hymn Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v.5-7)

UMH 211

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Bob Sherman

Words of Assurance (Ephesians 2:14)

For Christ himself is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility between us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also with you. Amen.**

Moment for Ministry

Toy Workshop 50th Anniversary
Thank you Elaine Ziegler!

Special Music (Video) *A Bouquet of Carols*

Gospel Reading Luke 1: 68-79 Bob Sherman

Hymn Response *We Will Glorify the King of Kings* TFWS 2087

Sermon “The Heart that Grew Three Sizes” Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Music

Communion & The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn* *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240
Happy 314th Birthday to Charles Wesley!

Benediction



Continuing Prayers

Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Pat Grahe, Betty Grimm, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, John Hieber, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Lynn King, Tim Knabe, Carol Lingelbach, Ted Lingelbach, Wayne Mason, Bruce Middlekauff, Dick Moen, Sally Moen, Alice Paradise, Jack Potter, Pat Potter, Ron Stearn, Shirley Yantz

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Sally Campbell upon the passing of her son, Bryan Campbell.

Generosity is a Gift of the Spirit!
It doesn’t depend on what you have. It depends on who you are,
And what God is doing through you!

Thank you for all of those who are returning your pledge cards. It helps us plan our Ministries & Missions, M&Ms, for the new year. Thank you for your ongoing prayers, presence, gifts, service, and faithful witness. If you need a 2022 pledge card, we have plenty of extra copies in the narthex. Our ushers should be able to assist you.



Join Us for Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
11 AM Sanctuary Service
4PM Family Sanctuary Service (Fully masked service)
7PM Sanctuary Service
8PM Mt. Carmel Service (Fully masked service)
9 PM Sanctuary Service
11 PM Sanctuary Service with Holy Communion

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim the Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: **Refrain**

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: **Refrain**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery. **Refrain**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain**

O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. **Refrain**

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne; we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live; he is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; hallelujah to Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Refrain**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he
brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may
die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. **Refrain**