

December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Betsy Bower
*(Prayer cards will be collected by ushers during the first hymn.
Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)*

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

*Call to Worship: No. 211
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Antiphon 6
Verses 1 and 6

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: God our shepherd, you chose a humble woman to bring your Messiah into the world, one who will bring us security, joy, and peace.

Reader 2: God, even children in the wombs of their mothers recognize you and delight in your presence.

All: We, God's people, sing with Mary, "the mighty one has done great things for me. Holy is his name. He shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next, who honors him as God." (Luke 1:49-50, CEB)

Reader 1 and/or 2: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this peace candle in joyful anticipation of welcoming Christ's coming.

Response "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196
(verse 1)

*Hymn "People Look East" No. 202

*Unison Prayer
Stir up your power, O God, and come to set us free by the righteousness of your birth in our midst, by the light of your face shining upon us, and by becoming our brother, our friend, our salvation. We pray this in the name of the

Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, mother of us all. Amen.

*Call to Confession:
In the world, and in this season, there are many claims on our lives. We take this time to remember that in our baptism, Christ claimed us as his own. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed Jesus Christ with all our heart and mind and strength. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray.

*Prayer of Confession:
God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness
*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:
1st Lesson Micah 5:2-5a Pg. 973
Responsive Reading Luke 1:46b-55 No. 199
Epistle Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10 Pg. 1261
*Gospel Lesson Luke 1:39-45 Pg. 1070

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Choral Anthem "Magnificat"

Children's Message April Aten

*Hymn "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" No. 216

Our Morning Prayer
Sharing Our Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Sermon "Prepare the Way: Welcome" Pastor Kyle

Presentation to God of Our Gifts
Offertory
*Doxology No. 95
*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion No. 15
*Jesus is the host at the Communion table.
At Oak Chapel, anyone who loves Jesus is welcome at the table.*

*Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

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Please join us tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.





Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

- Jennifer Adair
- Esther Franks
- Sue Jester
- Dasie Nordick
- Betty Princehorn
- Dick Silver
- Betty Taylor
- Justine Geiser
- Eleanor Franks
- Ed Wirt

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Paul and Janice Kaser

Today's Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday, 12/23	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
Monday, 12/24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 12/25	Happy Birthday, Jesus	
	Office will be closed 12/25-12/27	
Saturday, 12/29	Girl Scout Event	6:00 am
	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday, 12/30	Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Sunday School PreK-2	10:30 am
Tuesday, 1/1	Happy New Year - Office Closed	
Wednesday, 1/2	Morning Circle	9:30 am
	Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday, 1/5	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am



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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*