

4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM

December 24th, 2023

⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. *Luke 1:46-48*

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

OPENING LED BY THE CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: During Advent we see God’s love for us embodied in our Savior’s birth.

P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

L: Advent call us to love others with patience and kindness.

P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

L: Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

L: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

P: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

No. 271

“The First Noel” (v.1-4)

No. 265

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark.

Help us to know and to share your truth about the hope, peace, love, and joy that comes with our faith in your son Jesus Christ. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 1:13-18

ANTHEM

“Redeeming Love”

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Samuel 12:1-13

SERMON

“Bathsheba and Redeeming Love”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 258

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers:

Welcome Desk: Nancy McCombs

Liturgist: Mike Barton

Greeters: Barton Family

Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann

Child Care: Sarah Murtha

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	7 PM	Candlelight Service
Tues-Thurs:		Office Closed
Sunday, Dec 31st:	10 AM	Worship

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE- Reminder to pickup your Christmas cards in the Library.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE- We hope you will join us for our Candlelight Service at 7 PM tonight filled with traditional lessons and carols.

OFFICE IS CLOSED- The church office will be closed this week and reopen January 2nd. Pastor Steve is on vacation so please contact Pastor Mike if you need anything.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-There will be no Sunday School today or next week because of the holidays.

BLOOD DRIVE- We will be hosting a blood drive at the Meridian Fire Hall on Friday, January 5th from 12-5 PM. Please signup at redcrossblood.org if you would like to donate.

SAVE THE DATE- We will have a game night for all ages on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 PM. Childcare and popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite game.

YOUTH GROUP- We will not have youth group today or Dec 31st. We will return on January 7th.

MEN’S BREAKFAST- All men are invited to breakfast at Mac’s Café on Jan 13th at 9 AM.



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