

10:00 AM

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21st, 2025

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.
Isaiah 7:14

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.
P: And he will be called Everlasting Father.
L: We wait for the one who knows our deepest thoughts and fulfills our every need.
P: And he will be called Everlasting Father.
L: We wait for the one who will love us unconditionally, as a parent loves a child.
P: And he will be called Everlasting Father.
L: We wait for the one whose grace and mercy will never end.
P: And he will be called Everlasting Father.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
“Sing We Now of Christmas”

No. 249
No. 275

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, the light has dawned, yet we have loved the darkness. The Day has appeared, yet we still walk in the night. O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us for living as people still blinded by sin. Make us worthy of the brightness of your coming. Receive our repentance and heal our hidden sins. We rejoice in the Hope of the world, our redemption. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen. (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 “They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love”
By: Sunday School Children

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“He is Exalted”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

ANTHEM

“Good News, Great Joy”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

SERMON

“Joy Made Flesh”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

No. 273

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

The Barton family will be lighting the advent candles today.

The flowers today are in honor of Laura Franklin and Julie Barton for their love and support of our church family.



Ushers: Elders
Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare
Liturgist: Laura Mason

Greeters: Autumn Moore
Fellowship Hour: Shelley Patrick
Childcare: Pam Greb

<i><u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u></i>		
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	11-12:30	Club 35 Christmas Party
Monday:	6:30 PM	Choir
Wednesday:	4:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
	7 PM	Christmas Eve Worship
Thursday:		Merry Christmas
December 25th-January 1st		Office Closed

BAPTISM- Today we welcome Skylar Jean Harrison, daughter of Brittany and Zachary Harrison into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with them as Skylar is marked by God and sealed for His purposes today. The rose on the table is in her honor.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES- We will have Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 7 PM on Wednesday. We hope you will join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE- Today the Club 35 group will have their Christmas party from 11-12:30. Our PreK-2nd grade will have Sunday School as usual. There will be no Sunday school Dec 28th and will resume in January.

MIKE BARTON’S ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE- Come help us celebrate Pastor Mike’s ordination & installation on Sunday, January 4th at 4 PM at the church with dinner served afterwards. Please signup in the Fellowship Room if you would like to attend the dinner. Please reach out to Kala if you would like to help with the dinner.

CHRISTMAS CARDS- Reminder to pickup your Christmas Cards in the quilts.

OFFICE CLOSED- The church office will be closed from Dec 25th-Jan 1st. Please contact Pastor Steve directly if you need anything.



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