

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Pastor

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

Emmanuel, God with us, is with you!

And also with you.

Announcements

Lighting of the Love Candle

Sara Miller, Caleb Sarder

Robert Rodney Neuens, Larry Olkkonen

*Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and
mind. Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world
with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Prayer for the 4th Sunday of Advent

*Hymn: *Love Has Come!*

No. 256

Prayer of Confession:

Amid the world's divisions, we stand and pray in hope
to the One whose rule is peace:

Come, Lord Jesus!

You united warring enemies into Your one Body, the
new humanity:

Forgive anything that divides us from one another.

You died upon the mountain of Calvary to bring justice
and peace to all:

**Forgive our lack of zeal to overcome the forces that
impoverish and divide through the economic pressures
of this season**

You promise refreshment, light, and peace to those who
struggle in life:

**Forgive us for not extending a helping hand to those
around us who are hurting and in need of love.**

(silence for personal confession and reflection)

Response:

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.**

Assurance of Pardon:

The Lord Almighty has heard our prayers.

Dearly Beloved, hear and believe the good news:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

**Gloria Patri:* **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Jade Span

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Pg. 779, Pew Bible

Gospel Lesson: Luke 1:39-44

Pg. 856, Pew Bible

Sermon: *The Visitation*

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:45-55

Pg. 856, Pew Bible

Prayer of Intercession:

From Bethlehem in Judah, too small to be honored among the clans
of Israel, came the new Ruler and Savior, the Shepherd born to fulfill
the promise made to David's house. To him we pray:

Come and reward Your people's hope!

Grant us the faithful patience of Elizabeth:

Come and reward Your people's hope!

Grant us the faithful witness of John the Baptist:

Come and reward Your people's hope!

Grant us the faithful love of Mary:

Come and reward Your people's hope!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kathy Eavenson, Linda McClure, Chris Hanley, Bonnie Hyde,
Phil Peterson, Geri Anderson, Anne Starr, Sara Miller,
Emily Cummings, Mark Kaad, Karyn Daft; the PNC;
missionaries, Sam and Cayla

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye
heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* No. 272

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 278

*Benediction

*Response: *Angels We Have Heard ...* chorus

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: Reception following worship in Fellowship Hall
11:00a.m. Making Rice Pudding
Monday: *No* Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
9:00a.m. Christmas Dinner Prep
Tuesday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Dinner Prep
4:00 & 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday: ***Merry Christmas!***
11:00a.m. Community Christmas Meal
Thursday: *No* Sit, Chat, Finish That
Office Closed
Friday: *Office Closed*

***WORSHIP TIME CHANGE*:** Following a special Session meeting on Wednesday, Session approved changing the time of Sunday worship to 9:30a.m. beginning January 5th. The 9:00a.m. service time will resume on Memorial Day and go through Labor Day. (Note: Worship next Sunday, December 29th, will be at 9:00a.m.)

We still need 2 ushers for Christmas Eve at 7:00p.m. Call the office to volunteer.

We only have 14 Poinsettias left. Forms are located on the table in the Fireside Room. We need the forms turned in today.

Parking Lot Attendants are needed for Soup Kitchen. This job is to direct incoming vehicles into lines as they enter the parking lot to pick up meals. The time commitment is about 1 hour starting at 4:15pm. The third Monday is already filled! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room or call the Church Office for more information.

CHURCH NOTES

Today: Reception following worship in Fellowship Hall
11:00a.m. Making Rice Pudding
Monday: *No* Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
9:00a.m. Christmas Dinner Prep
Tuesday: 9:00a.m. Christmas Dinner Prep
4:00 & 7:00p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday: ***Merry Christmas!***
11:00a.m. Community Christmas Meal
Thursday: *No* Sit, Chat, Finish That
Office Closed
Friday: *Office Closed*

***WORSHIP TIME CHANGE*:** Following a special Session meeting on Wednesday, Session approved changing the time of Sunday worship to 9:30a.m. beginning January 5th. The 9:00a.m. service time will resume on Memorial Day and go through Labor Day. (Note: Worship next Sunday, December 29th, will be at 9:00a.m.)

We still need 2 ushers for Christmas Eve at 7:00p.m. Call the office to volunteer.

We only have 14 Poinsettias left. Forms are located on the table in the Fireside Room. We need the forms turned in today.

Parking Lot Attendants are needed for Soup Kitchen. This job is to direct incoming vehicles into lines as they enter the parking lot to pick up meals. The time commitment is about 1 hour starting at 4:15pm. The third Monday is already filled! There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room or call the Church Office for more information.