



Faith United Methodist Church
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December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent

WE GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Jane Rall, Liturgist

Welcome to Faith United Methodist Church. *[Introduce self...]*

- Juice, Joe & Justice meets today following worship in room 206.
- There are so many worship opportunities as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas. Please see the schedule in the bulletin for dates and times of our Longest Night – this Wednesday at 7 p.m., Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Share these opportunities with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker!
- Faith will offer nursery care once again beginning Sunday, January 8th. A familiar and qualified nursery worker will return to provide care for infants and toddlers (birth–3 years old) during worship. We are asking for volunteers to serve in the Nursery alongside the nursery worker so that we can keep our kids safe and well. Please refer to the bulletin for more information and take your turn holding the next generation at Faith.
- Fellowship time is back! Beginning Sunday, January 8th, join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a time of friendship and connection. We need volunteers to sign up to host Fellowship time. Please refer to Friday's *What's Working at Faith* for the link to sign up. Any questions? Contact Sara Romeyn at sararomeyn@yahoo.com

CENTERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

PRELUDE

Fum, Fum, Fum

Music: Traditional Catalan Carol; Arr.: Gregory M. Pysh

Bells of Faith: Nancy Kuhn, Director

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

WORD

ADVENT WREATH RESPONSE: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

UMC Hymn #204

Music and Words: Bob McGee, 1976 (Matthew 1:23)

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Quarters for Kids

Brian Jones

*HYMN #211 v 1 – 4, 7

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: 9th century Latin; stanzas 1,3, 7ab *The Hymnal*, 1940; stanza 2 Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916;
stanza 4, 7cd Laurence Hull Stookey, 1986

Music: 15th century French; Arr. and Harmony: Thomas Helmore, 1854

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jane Rall, Liturgist

ALL: God of today and tomorrow,

When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house.

Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.

How often do we have that same opportunity?

How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?

How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?

Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

Friends, this is what I know—

God delights in us.

God throws open the door, just like Elizabeth, and says,

“Come on home. There is room for you here!”

And in that moment, we are blessed.

In that moment, we are forgiven.

In that moment, we are seen, healed, and welcomed home.

So rest in this good news: you are saved by grace.

Let us respond together, using the words from Mary's song:

**ALL: My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant,
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed.**

(Luke 1:46:55 NRSV)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jane Rall, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE

Jane Rall, Liturgist

Luke 1:39-58

MESSAGE: "We see God in each other..."

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

WONDER

ANTHEM

Mary's Magnificat

Composer: Andrew Carter, b. 1939

Publisher: Oxford University Press, 1986

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Yeri So, Organist

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jane Rall, Liturgist

WHAT NOW?

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

***HYMN #250**

Once in Royal David's City

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848 (Luke 2:7)

Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

Chancel Choir and Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

CALL TO ACTION

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

SENDING FORTH

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

POSTLUDE

Vom Himmel Hoch

Composer: Aaron David Miller, 1972

Yeri So, Organist

SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: William Hahs and Hannah Coppersmith

Altar Guild for December: Alma Rines

Audio Visual: Brian Hahs, Jason Spriggs and Eric Winchenbach

Chat Room Host: Karen Simpson

Liturgist: Jane Rall

Sunday School Teachers: Sally Stolz and Barbara Wege

Youth Leader Team: Kristen Wayne

Welcome Team: Terrie Tuckman and Bruce Werber

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Arvina Dalaya in honor of a family friend, Roger Rierson, who passed away two weeks ago.

Please note that the 2023 schedule for altar flowers is now available in the Narthex. Sign your name next to your chosen date and complete the pink request form. Either drop the form in the Offering chest or send to the office.

FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator
Jan Spencer, Finance and Connections
Yeri So, Organist
Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director

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