

4th Sunday of Advent

December 22nd, 2024

10:00 AM

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.
Micah 5:4

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Advent is a time to celebrate God's love.

P: God's love is pure.

L: We celebrate by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

P: God's love is everlasting.

L: We celebrate by loving the Lord our God with all our hearts.

P: God's love is all-powerful.

L: We celebrate by spreading God's love to a world in need.

P: God's love is freely given to all.

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMNS**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 249

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

No. 293

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord God, Your goodness, beauty, and power are too much for us to fully comprehend. Your ways are higher than our ways, and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts. But in our pride and self-importance, we attempt to impose our ways and thoughts on You. We try to reshape You into our broken image. Forgive us for thinking too highly of ourselves and too little of You. Thank You for the immeasurable grace and mercy displayed in Christ's coming to us, for giving us a way to truly know the Father through the Son. By Your Spirit, root out our pride and shape us into Jesus' likeness. 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:**

"Gloria Patri"

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

Isaiah 7:14

ANTHEM

"Breath of Heaven"

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:39-56

SERMON

"When God Interrupts"

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: John & Aaron Sproule
Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore
Liturgist: Mike Barton

Greeters: Pam Greb
Fellowship Hour: Katie Schultz
Childcare: Katie Schultz

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
Tuesday:	4:30 PM	Candlelight Service
	7 PM	Candlelight Service
Wednesday:	Merry Christmas!	
Dec 25th-Jan 1st:	Church office closed	

TABLES- There are heavy wooden tables in fellowship hall that we no longer use. Feel free to take them if you have a use for them.

OFFERING ENVELOPES- Available for pickup today on the table outside the sanctuary. There are extra sets available for those who would like them, just write your name next to a number on the list please.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES- We will have Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 & 7 PM this year. We hope you will join us! Just a reminder there will be no junior church at either service.

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

OFFICE IS CLOSED- The church office will be closed from Dec 25th-Jan 1st and will reopen January 2nd. Please contact Pastor Steve directly if you need anything.

BLOOD DRIVE- We will host our next blood drive on Friday, January 3rd from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. You can signup at redcrossblood.org if you are able to donate.



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