

Week four is the time to throw the parties! This is the joy Sunday, the celebration of the gift that comes and the gift we are to and with one another. Let there be shouts of praise and hope. Let there be laughter and joy. But don't let it be simply a surface experience, a pretending all is well when there are many for whom all is not well. But let there be a deep reservoir from which joy can be drawn and tasted. Speak of the joy that sustains, the presence that abides, even in the difficult moments, even on the cloudy days. All of which means we don't force people into a certain kind of response; we simply make an offer – an offer of joy.

visitors

We are glad you are here!

Find more information at the Welcome Center.

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Please follow along on the Sanctuary screen.

» Indicates standing when able

Prelude

Welcome

We connect with each other

» Entrance Hymn

We prepare to listen #204 Emmanuel, Emmanuel (sing twice)

Lighting of Advent Candle

#211 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 4)

» Call to Worship

God speaks to us

» Opening Prayer

We respond to God

Music Ministry

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) - Tomlin

Scripture

God speaks to us Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message

"Joy"

Hymn

We respond to God's Word #246 Joy to the World (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Pastoral Prayer

We respond to God's Word

The Lord's Prayer

» Closing Hymn

We respond to God #89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs. 1, 2, 4)

God's Blessing

We go forth to learn & share

Postlude

» Indicates standing when able

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

events & programs

altar flowers if you are interested in providing flowers for worship, sign up on the kiosk in front of the Welcome Center.

charge conference Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact the church office for more information.

Today

9:00 & 11:00 Worship

Intergenerational Faith Formation Class (IFF)

Advent Study -10:00 a.m.
The Heart That Grew 3 Sizes - Final Session
Fellowship Hall

Adult Education Class

10:00 a.m. - The Christmas Story - Special Christmas video with Mike Blodgett
Community Room

12 Days of Christmas Fundraiser

Last day! Thanks for your generous support.

Confirmation

7:00 p.m.

Coming up

Men's Study Group

NO meeting on Dec. 23

Holiday Office Hours

Office Closed
Dec. 23, 24, 31

Christmas Eve Worship

Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m.,
7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

December 26 Worship

One service at 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation or Confirmation.

January 2 Worship

One service at 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation or Confirmation.

People I met/am praying for

Notes

Scripture for today: *Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45*

Scripture for next week: *Psalm 148:1-6, Colossians 3:12-17*

The story takes over this week. Let's just admit it. The story that we've learned and told and retold, the story that we've sentimentalized and Disney-"fied", the story that has produced songs and dramas, movies and poems. And yet through it all, the story persists. The story draws. It defies explanation. It is an act of beauty and awe and is best met with open-mouthed wonder. God, our God, promised to be born in the flesh, like our flesh. It amazes when you stop to wonder again.

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