

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Glenn Zuber
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: “*Lord Christ, When First Thou Came to Earth*”
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please **clearly** sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.
INTROIT: “*In the Bleak Midwinter*” by Holst
CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) (Please stand)
(L) Look, O house of David! The Lord will give you a sign:
(P) The young woman shall bear a child;
(L) She shall call him Immanuel ---
(P) God is with us.
(L) Listen, O house of David! The Lord draws near.
(P) With love in our hearts, let us worship God!

Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Candle of Peace
ORDINATION of NEW ELDERS and DEACONS for 2020
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (If children are present)
HYMN: #11 (Please stand) “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?” (Please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Glenn Zuber
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel! You claim us for service and assure us we have nothing to fear. But we are timid disciples who discount dreams and discredit messengers, for we do not believe you can use a flock like us to usher in your reign. Restore us, O God! Let your face shine, that our faith may be made strong.

SILENT PRAYER
ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Glenn Zuber
SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #9, verse 1 (Please stand) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

CONCERNS and JOYS Rev. Glenn Zuber
PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (Please stand and greet your neighbors)
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (Please be seated)

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Glenn Zuber
OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 7:10-16 (Pew Bible page 636)
The young woman will bear a child and name him Immanuel.
ANTHEM: “*Soon and Very Soon*” Choir
NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 1:18-25 (Pew Bible page 1)
Mary is with child; an angel visits Joseph; Jesus is “God with us.”
SERMON: “God With Us” means “God For Us” Rev. Glenn Zuber
HYMN: #44 (Please stand) “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - “Adapted from the Confession of 1967”
God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God’s purpose would be realized. Amen.
(You may be seated)

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY: Christmas Joy Offering
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Rev. Glenn Zuber
SONG OF DEDICATION: (Please stand) “Doxology”
“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.” Amen. (Please remain standing)
PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Glenn Zuber
You may be seated and remain seated for the remainder of the service.

THE SENDING

HYMN: #16 “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”
CHARGE and BLESSING Rev. Glenn Zuber
CLOSING SONG: HYMN #8, verse 1 - “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
POSTLUDE: “Evening Bells” from Liszt’s Weinachtsbaum

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Minister. Glenn Zuber
 Clerk of Session. Paul Cook
 Deacon Moderator. Nance Hall
 Trustee President. Rosealee Champion
 Parish Secretary. Mary White
 Music Director
 Custodian Todd Gibboney
 Treasurer – Receipts. Paul Cook
 Historian. Lynne Murray
 Wedding Coordinator Rosealee Champion
 Women of the Church. Rosealee Champion

**2020
SESSION**
 Cindi Pruitt
 Jason Parker
DEACONS
 Nance Hall
 Carol Neal
 Carol Rose
TRUSTEES
 Lynne Murray
 Jerry Woroniecki

**2021
SESSION**
 Mitchell David

DEACONS
 Paul Chambers
 Lynda Truitt

TRUSTEES
 Brad Black
 Tom Truitt

**2022
SESSION**
 Lindsay Ashton
 Paul Cook
DEACONS
 Evelyn Warren
 Gloria Gubosh

TRUSTEES
 Mike Leyden
 Rosealee Champion
 George Phillips

CHURCH COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education. Lindsay Ashton
 Congregational Life. Cindi Pruitt
 Contemporary Worship Mitchell David
 Finance & Budget Jason Parker
 Mission & Liaison Lindsay Ashton
 Nominating. Jason Parker & Mitchell David
 Personnel. Paul Cook
 Spiritual Life. Mitchell David
 Traditional Worship. Paul Cook

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: As Authorized by the Session
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER: Sundays of – 1st Advent, Baptism of the Lord,
 1st Lent, Pentecost, World Communion, Mid-Summer, & Christmas Eve



