

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

Closing Song Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH #224

Benediction

Postlude *Tollite hostias (from Oratorio de Noel)*
Camille Saint-Saens, 1858

With COVID 19 risk dial in the red, we have decided it best to cancel in person worship through January 10, when we will re-assess the situation.

Blue Christmas is an ecumenical service for those for whom Christmas is not joyful; for those who are confronted with the loss of loved ones, feeling isolated and alone, perhaps even feeling depressed. On this longest night of the year, we remember and place our hope in Christ.

All are welcome to attend, Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 pm on Zoom and will be livestreamed on our website, YouTube, and Facebook. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

Christmas Eve will be held only online this year, livestreamed at 5 pm on our website, YouTube, and Facebook. We have special Christmas Eve bags for families and children. Inside is a candle and communion elements for the service. Please pick them up at church, or let us know and we will bring them to you.

Year end giving ideas at the church:

- Mission Shares
- Helping Hands
- Endowment Fund
- General Fund

Undesignated gifts will go to the general fund.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Live Feed at
[Our website](#) or [Our Facebook page](#)
December 20, 2020



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Organist:
Youth Choir Director:
Audio/Video Techs

Great West Dist. Superintendent:
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Advent Prayer *Come, Lord Jesus. I love you.*

Prelude

Stan Haemmelmann

O Come, Little Children (Traditional) Arr. Diane Bish, 1984
Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon, 1917; Arr. Tom Fette, 2007
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow (Trad. Spiritual) Arr. Mark Hays, 2007
Caroling, Caroling Alfred Burt and Wilha Hutson, 1954; Diane Bish, 1982

Bringing in the Light Allison & Caleb Clodfelter

Angels from the Realms of Glory UMH #220

Lighting the Advent Candle Mason, Sarah and Kapri Stover

Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle) Vs. 4 TFWS #2090

Light the Advent candle, four: joy forever more;
Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn..
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
candle, candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
Send us a text (308.672.3241 — Craig or 308.631.7516 — Joe) for prayer
concerns. Facebook users please greet one another in the comments
and let us know how many are worshiping at your house today.
Remember to share the feed on your page.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Just as God speaks peace to the people, let us greet one another with
words of Christ's peace, as we embody the new world to come.*

Call to Worship

God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

God has done great things for us in times past.

God will do great things for us in days to come.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

Christ's mercy is upon us, offering hope in times of despair.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

Christ's love has made us whole.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

The Spirit's power disarms our pride and prejudice.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

The Spirit's power strengthens our mercy and compassion.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

Even as we are filled this day,
may we go forth to nourish a world in need.

Rejoice in God our Savior.

Opening Prayer

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Scripture Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Julie Schaff
Luke 1:39-55

Response 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.**

Special Music

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam, 1847 Arr. Stephen Decesare, 2018
Duet: Sandy Massey and Julie Schaff

Message "Love Is Born" Pastor Joseph Schumacher

Offertory Invitation

*Joining Mary's joyful song, our souls proclaim the
greatness of the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our
Savior. With humble and grateful hearts,
let us bring our offerings to God.*

*Ways to give include; mailing or dropping off to the church, online
giving by clicking [here](#), through the GivePlus mobile App, or text the
amount you want to give to 844-928-0313 and follow the prompts.*

Offertory Music I Wonder as I Wander

John Jacob Niles, 1933; Arr. Fred Bock, 1961

Offertory Prayer

**Holy God, your love is magnified in the gift of your Son,
whom you so freely share with us. Bless these gifts that
we offer to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry in your
coming reign of justice and peace; in Christ's name.
Amen.**

Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayers**