

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blended Worship Service

(Traditional & Contemporary Elements)

The Gathering 8:15 a.m.

Date: December 20, 2015

- *Childcare is available for children 5 and under downstairs in the nursery.*
- *Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please ask one of the ushers.*
- *Please write PRAYERS on a prayer paper and place in the offering plate as it is passed.*

Welcome to Worship

* indicates please rise in body or spirit

Introduction to Worship and Prayer

Prelude "I Wonder As I Wander" Arr. by Hayes

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Pat Lukert & Richard Halverson

***Worship in Song** "The First Noel" #245 (vv. 1-2, 4)
(Children are invited to move up front for the Children's Gathering on last verse.)

Children's Gathering *(Please Pass Attendance Pads)*
"Come, Little Children" #3055 Green Song Book (v. 1)

***Gospel Reading** Luke 2:1-7 #1590 Pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

***"Glory Be"** On Screen

Ministry Of Music "O Come to Set Us Free" Arr. By McDonald
Sounds of Faith

Sermon: "Journey through Advent from Nazareth to Bethlehem"

Pastor Steve Reinhard

(Message Notes are included on the back of the bulletin)

A Time of Reflection on the Word of God

***Worship in Song** "Some Children See Him" #3065 Green Song Book

Offering of our Gifts and Lives / Offertory Prayer

- *Whether making a donation or not, EVERYONE is invited to touch the offering plates, offering a prayer to give ourselves to God in heart, soul, mind and strength.*

Offertory "A Rose" Arr. by Smith
***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** #94 Hymnal
***Dedication of Our Gifts**

Prayer Requests -- Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastor's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Sung

Welcoming Our Guests

***Song of Sending Forth** "Until Jesus Comes" #3050 Green Song Book

***Closing Blessing and Sending to Serve** On Screen

Passing of the Peace of God and Inviting one another to fellowship***

Postlude "Joy to the World" Arr. by Smith
***Following worship you are invited to stay for fellowship in Baldrige Hall at the east end of the building.