

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Traditional Worship Service

The Gathering 11:15 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 Kathy Zelazny

***Hymn of Praise** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 Hymnal (vv. 1, 3-4)
(Children are invited to move up front for the Children's Gathering on last verse.)

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

Ministry of Music "I Shall Know Him When He Comes" by Wagner
Celebration Voices

Prayer of Illumination In Unison, On Screen

***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!

***"Gloria Patri"** #70 Hymnal

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

***Affirmation of Faith** On Screen

***Hymn of Dedication**
"God Rest You Merry Gentlefolk" #3052 Green Song Book (vv. 1-2, 5)

Offering of our Gifts and Lives

- *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

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Sung

Welcoming Our Guests

***Hymn of Sending Forth** "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204 Hymnal

***Benediction and Commission 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.

