



# United Methodist Church

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Love

Prelude **Angels from the Realms of Glory** *Colleen Blake*  
Welcoming the Holy Spirit *Acolyte(s)*  
Greeting and Welcome *Pastor Peter*

\* **Call to Worship**

One: Brothers and Sisters, please join me in inviting our Lord to be in our midst.

**All: Amen; Lord God, join us here and now!**

One: In this time of worship, amidst the many things competing for our attention, help us focus on the one thing that **MUST** be in the center!

**All: Lord, help us to recognize YOU in the midst of this Advent season and in Christmas! Let us not be distracted or discouraged.**

One: We turn to scripture, to hymns and candles. We listen to the word that brings Advent into sharp focus.

**All: Let us turn our hearts that we might find Christ.**

\* Hymn **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear** *Hymnal #218*

Scripture **Micah 5:2-5a** *Pew Bible O.T. #815*

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks Be to God**

**Advent Candle 4 – Love** *Edna Leach's Family*

*Edna Leach, Laura & Lindsay Weller*

One: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude.

**All: Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.**

One: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. . .

**All: <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13**

Special Music **A Star, A Song, A Sign** *Ensemble*

**Prayer Time** – Sharing prayers of concern and celebration.

**Unison Prayer**

One: Lord, hear our Christmas prayers.

**All: Lord, as we celebrate the season of gifts we seek to be thankful for the gifts from You that are beyond our wildest imagination.**

One: You have given us gifts that we need instead of gifts that we wanted;

**All: You have given us gifts of loving and being loved,**

One: You have given us gifts of health and vitality

**All: Where there has been illness, You have given us comfort.**

One: You have blessed us with families. You have blessed us with community.

**All: You have opened Your arms and welcomed us into Your family. Thank You Lord, Amen.**

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

*Pastor Peter*

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

*Hymnal #270*

Offertory **Rise up Shepherd and Follow** *Colleen Blake*

\* Scripture **Luke 1:46-55** *Pew Bible N.T. #5*

One: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks Be to God**

\* Video **Love Round** *VBS Video*

Sermon **Love** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

\* Hymn **Little Town of Bethlehem** *Hymnal #230*

Benediction **Go Now In Peace** *Congregation*

\* Please stand if you are able.

## This Week's Calendar:

### Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed

Next Sunday, December 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.: English Worship Service

3:00 p.m.: Tongan Worship Service

### Prayers In Our Church Family:

- Blake family loss of Will's brother Larry
- Mary Boylls' younger brother, Dick, hospitalized in California.
- Deb Gunther's sister-in-law, Nancy, recovering at home.
- Sandy Tinney's son Don recovering from a stroke.
- Amelia Kelemen Paula awaiting bone marrow biopsy.
- Prayers of Peace in the Middle East, Russia and Ukraine
- Prayers for families suffering loss.

### Christmas Eve Service

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

### Christmas Eve Fellowship Following Service:

Getting excited for Christmas Eve!

We will celebrate together after Christmas Eve service to share cookies (while supplies last). Please share your favorite recipe by bringing a plate for all to enjoy. Coffee and juice will also be served. Direct questions to Ellen Dockter.

Senior Pastor: *Peter Freytag*

Office Manager: *Paea Kelemen*

Lay Leader: *Mark Dockter*

Ad Council Chair: *Mike Sumrall*

Accompanist: *Colleen Blake*

Hospitality Coordinator: *Carol Danielson*

Communion Stewards: *Melba Taylor, Ellen Smith-Dockter*

Tongan Pastor: *Atonio Toluta'u*

Christian Ed: *Stephanie Iverson*

Tongan Lay Leader: *Ngalu Kelemen*

Lay Delegate: *Melba Taylor*

Liturgist: *Sandy Tinney*

## ***Burns Memorial UMC*** ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***



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