

Gathering Music

Praise Band
For Unto You/ Open the Eyes of My Heart
Adore

Ringing of the Bells

Dean Brown

We would be grateful if you would fill out the pew pad (with contact information) and let us know you are here this morning. After you have signed in, please pass the pew pad down the aisle. We are so glad you are here!

***Opening Song**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
UMH 240

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jo Ann

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**Lighting our Advent Wreath: Love
Chris, Brandy, Carson, Carra, and Cacee Young****Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7**

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it

with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

Response: God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name.

We light these candles, the candle of joyous hope, of proclaimed peace, of deep everlasting joy, and today of presence that speaks of love, as a sign that no matter our circumstance, we know we are not alone.

O Come O Come Immanuel v4**Children's Time:****Ministry News**

Jan Southard

Prayer of Dedication

Giver of all good gifts, bless the offering we make this morning, a small token to all the blessings you have poured down on us. Into our human weakness, you gave the greatest gift of all: Emmanuel, your presence with us, in Jesus the Christ. Not just a presence, but an invitation: through him, to be your children and heirs to your Kingdom. May our gifts, hymns, prayers, and promises help us realize that Kingdom in our hearts and in our world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Offering***Doxology****Chancel Choir: Angel Song****Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25**

Scott Flury

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph, her husband, was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn of Preparation**

In the Bleak Midwinter 221

Message: A Little About Joseph

Pastor Jo Ann

***Closing Song**

Love Came Down At Christmas

***Benediction**

**Please stand as you are able*

Ministry News

Join us tonight at 5:30pm for our Children's Christmas Pageant & Potluck. Bring a dish to share.

Wednesday study:

1 pm - Women of the Bible Ch 8 -In the Fireside Room

Wednesday, December 21, join us for the Longest Night Service at 7 pm. We will be joined by Tanna Engdahl, Spiritual Leader of the Cowlitz Tribe. She will open the service with the ritual act of smudging, which involves the burning of sage for cleansing and healing. You will be invited to observe or participate as you choose.

Christmas Eve Family Friendly Worship: 5:00 pm

Bring your littles to worship on Christmas Eve. Wiggling is allowed and participation is encouraged! We'll tell the story of Christmas and end with child-safe battery candles.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols: 9:00 pm

With Traditional carols, special music, the Christmas Story and candlelight, you'll know that God is with us. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love are God's gifts to us.

Christmas Day: 10:00 am

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year so we have the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus as a church family. We'll have a gentle community time of sharing the story of our Savior's birth. Kids and families are invited to stay together in worship. Come in your comfy and cozy clothes. There will be cocoa and cookies following the service.

Help us to invite:

Alpha Study - Wednesday evenings beginning January 18

Spaghetti Feed - January 22 after worship (note change of date)

A special Thank You to our:

Musicians: Jennifer Bohn-Hodapp, Bob Southard
Mike Loring, Jon Detchman, and Craig Stockhaus

Children's Ministry Director: Megan Schlegel

Assistant: Dale Castle

Nursery: Katelyn Mathis

AV: Billy Yaddof, Meghan Green

Flower Team: Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond,
Mieko Heriford, Barb Pfeifer, Patti Novak, Cora Brown

All others that help to make Sunday service
a *joyous* experience.

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December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent
10:00am