

Christmas Cantata

“Come Now to Bethlehem”

(written by Dale Wood & arranged by Douglas E. Wagner)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“Good People All, Rejoice!”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“He Is Born, the Hold Child”

O Come, Little Children”

“Sing We All, Noel!”

“I Saw Three Ships”

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Pianist: Lena Choi

Choir members: Lori Conyers, Peter Choi, Nancy Evans,
Dan Frizane, Ginger Frizane, Melissa Klabunde, and Jaime Sinsel

Narrators: UMC Youth Group

“Doxology

United Methodist Hymnal #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Dear God, you blessed Mary by making her the mother of your only Son, Jesus Christ. You have blessed us, as well, with the gift of your Son, and indeed, with the gift of life itself. Out of all these blessings, we give you back these offerings this day. Knowing that your promises will be fulfilled, we pledge our lives to you in anticipation of the coming of the one who brings us peace. Amen.

Closing Song

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Benediction & Sending Forth

Go with the love of God, who extends mercy from generation to generation. Go with the illumination of the Holy Spirit, who prepares us for the coming of our Lord. Go with the peace of the Christ child, who comes to partner with us to bring the kingdom that will never end. Amen.

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FOURTH SUNDAY

OF

Advent

Minden United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

1. Christmas Schedules:

*Christmas Hymnal Devotion: Every Wednesday on Facebook and YouTube for Advent Season.

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: December 24 at 7:00pm.

2. Continue to join the sermon series for this Advent season, “The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem.” This series helps us better understand the events that led up to the birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem.

3. Pastor Peter will pray for each family with blessings of prayer during worship on January 9 as we begin a new year. Please prepare your plans and prayer lists on paper.

4. Our church leaders for 2022 will be recognized and blessed during the worship, January 16. After the worship, the pastor, Peter will share our church plans and goals for 2022.

5. Last week we received offerings of \$3,494. Thank you for the offerings and prayers.



Fourth Sunday in Advent: Love

Call to Worship

L: God has done great things for us!

P: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

L: Holy is God's name!

P: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

L: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

P: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ. Amen

Opening Prayer

Lord, be with us this morning. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Song "Mary's Little Boy Child"

Children's Time

Scriptures

Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

"Unwanted Journey"

by

Pastor Peter Choi

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List: Phyllis Finkner's family and friends, Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm, Fred Will, and Jan Hofferber-Kathi Schutz's mother.

Happy Birthday to Sheryl Heath, Sam Martin, and Jade Melroy.

Happy Anniversary to William & Becky Barber—8 years.

Pastoral Prayer—Lord's Prayer