

December 21, 2025

COME, BE FED, BE SENT
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:15am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

Minute for Missions

Christmas Eve/Christmas Joy Offering

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Here in worship—

we pray together,

we stand together,

we sing together,

we listen together.

Here in worship— we are not alone.

So when life gives you reason to grieve, to fear, or to worry,
remember this moment.

We are not alone.

Let us worship our with-us God.

OPENING WORSHIP

Hymn #119

Advent Wreath Lighting

Hark the Herald Angels Sing, vs 1

Laura Livingston & Tom Holczer

Hark the Herald Angels Sing, vs 2-3

Hymn #151

We Three Kings of Orient Are, vs 1, 2, 5

CONFESSION/ASSURANCE

When you were afraid, did I stay by your side?

Did I offer my hand, or did I leave you alone?

When you were afraid, did I choose solidarity?

Did I see your fear, or did I only see mine?

Friend, none of us are perfect. We all make mistakes.

Fortunately, God offers grace, and we do too.

So take a deep breath, and let's start again.

Thank you. Your mercy is a gift.

Now we must ask—

when you were afraid, did we stay by your side?

Did we offer our hands, or did we leave you alone?

When you were afraid, did we choose solidarity?

Did we see your fear? Or did we only see ours?

Friends, none of us are perfect. We all make mistakes.

Fortunately, God offers grace, and I do too.

So take a deep breath, and let's start again.

Thank you. Your mercy is a gift.

We accept your grace and would love to start again.

May it be so, with God's help.

Alleluia, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Choral Anthem

Children's Message

Scripture

Message

Waiting

An Angel Appears to Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 41:5-10

When You're Afraid, Give Me Your Hand

Rev. Dr. Chris Montovino

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Offering/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication

Special Music

Joseph's Lullaby, Sarah Shewbert

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song Hymn #121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The flowers today are provided by Laura Livingston
in memory of her Mother.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

No Christian Education Classes on December 28, 2025 or January 4, 2026.

Sunday school will resume on January 11, 2026. No youth group during Christmas break.

Help Needed to Pack Away Christmas Decorations

We will be packing away all the wonderful Christmas decorations on Monday 1/5, from 10am to noon. We are in need of some helping hands for this task. If you would like to help, please contact Laura Livingston, Worship Arts Elder.

Christmas Cookies or Special Treats

Our cookie reserves are nicely stocked - thank you! However, if you would like to bring Christmas cookies or a special treat for Fellowship Hour, please do, and I will be sure to hold a spot or two open on the table.

Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm. Last year we had a full house that evening so please plan on arriving early to ensure you can get family seating together. Note: There will be not be a service on Christmas Day.

Deacon of the Month: Karen Montovino

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