

**REACH OUT IN CHRIST
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 18, 2022 10:00am

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #234:1-4

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, raise up your power, we pray, and come among us, and help us,

People: That although, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore and hindered in running the race that is set before us,

Leader: Your bountiful grace and mercy will help and deliver us, through the satisfaction of your Son our Lord;

People: To whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end.

All: Amen.

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting Worship Committee
Philippians 4:4-7

4 Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! 5 Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. 6 Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. 7 Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

-No Offertory (please place your contributions in collection as you exit the church)-

A Time of Prayer (*Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.*)

Christmas Cantata

Hymn “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” #251

Benediction

Alleluia

Postlude

CIRCLE OF PRAYER—Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Murphy Mullens, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Marv Hiuser, Rita Harned, Marilyn and Ron Lovell, Pastor John Griswold, James (friend of Ruth Dean), Bill Madity (brother of Diane Walsh), Howell family, Ginny Monroe, Joe McGinley, McKinley family, Rosemary Pignataro, Charlotte Perolio, Sherri Schmitz, Evelyn Sheppard and family, Linda Johnston, Volrie Olin, Anna and Hellwig Herber (Elke's mom and brother), Louis Kaduk, Starla Knox and family, Jeanne Summerford

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***MEETINGS 12/20**—Trustees 6pm, Admin. Council 7pm.

***CHRISTMAS EVE**--Candle Light Service 12/24, 7pm.

***UPPER ROOM**—This daily devotional guide for January/February 2023 is available in the Narthex and in the office. Please put \$2 in an envelope and mark it “Upper Room”.

***CRAFT GROUP**—Meets Mondays 12:30-3pm. Please join us!

***BIBLE STUDY**—Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am. Materials are provided.

***POINSETTIAS**—Please fill out an order form in the Narthex. Today is the last day that you can order.

Prayer for Christmas Light

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.” [John 1:5]

As lights are present in this holiday season,

Let there be a light within our hearts,

As we turn on lights to our trees,

And to our homes,

We express hope for the light of Christ to be more and more evident in our world.

May the light of Jesus presence

Shine in our forgiveness towards others.

May it shine in our expressions of justice and equality to all.

May the light shine in the care we provide for each person.

Let there be light, In our cities, In our families, And in our souls.

God, thank you for providing the light that dispels the darkness.

Amen.

Source: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/prayer-for-christmas-light>

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Source: <https://rcadc.org/event/cathedral-carol-service-2/>

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Accompanist--Faye Monroe

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