



BROADWAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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# *the inn*

## ADVENT 4: A ROOM WITH A VIEW (LOVE)

Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" (Michael Praetorius)

Tim Barnes, organ and Robert Galbreath, piano

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Peg and Mary

Because too many people are wandering in the wilderness, because too many people are sitting in the valley of the shadow of death, we light candles...

**Because people all over the world are suffering and we are too busy to notice, we light candles...**

Today we stop everything and light these candles: one for hope, one for peace, one for joy, and one for love...

**May the light from these candles overwhelm the world.**

May the light from these candles illuminate the valley of the shadow of death.

**May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything that is preventing God's love from being born among us. Let us not be afraid, for even now—even now—God's love is overwhelming the world!**



HYMN FOR CANDLE LIGHTING "Advent Song"

The Faith We Sing # 2090 vs. 4

\*OPENING HYMN "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

United Methodist Hymnal # 198 vs. 1-2, 5

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

***Bold type indicates congregational response.***

## OPENING PRAYER

**Creator of Life, this morning we pray that we may move as gently as Advent asks us to move, that those preparing to birth a new life may be treated with deep dignity, that the life of all children may be welcomed with reverence and accompanied by community. And to make it so, give us the courage and wisdom to weave webs of love, practice rhythms of care and to topple any systems of violence that might stand in the way. Come, Light of the World, to practice Hope with us, and to gather around each child with Holy awe. Amen.**

## WELCOME STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

*[Please use the Friendship Pads or the QR code to mark your presence with us.]*

Welcome to worship, God's beloved!

**YES, I Am Welcome! Bienvenidas y bienvenidos!**



\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

### FIRST READING

Micah 5: 1-4

“As for you, Bethlehem in Ephrathah,” says YHWH, “small as you are among Judah’s clans, from you will come a ruler for me over Israel, one whose goings out are from times long past, from ancient days.” But God will give them over to their enemies until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of the ruler’s [siblings] will return to the Children of Israel. The ruler will rise up to shepherd them in the strength of YHWH, by the power of the Name of YHWH their God. They will live in security, for now the ruler’s greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. They’ll say, “This at last is the one who will be our peace! When Assyria invades our land and tramples our fortresses, we will raise up against the invaders seven—no, eight!—shepherds, leaders of the people.”

May God bless the speaking and hearing of the Word. **Amen.**

### MUSIC MINISTRY

“Somebody Build a Manager” (Joel Raney)

Ronnie Lyall, soloist

## TIME FOR PRAYER

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *[You are invited to say this prayer in the language of your heart.]*

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kindom 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kindom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Luke 1: 46-55

Mary said: "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior. For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward all generations will call me blessed. For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your Name. Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you. You have shown strength with your arm; you have scattered the proud in their conceit; you have deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. You have filled the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty. You have come to the aid of Israel your servant, mindful of your mercy—the promise you made to our ancestors—to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever."

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Miranda Denler

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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\*THE DOXOLOGY

United Methodist Hymnal # 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Living God, as the friendship of Elizabeth and Mary prepared the way for the Holy,  
may we, through our friendships, do the same. Bless our offerings to our delight in  
one another and to the work required to cocreate loving communities. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

United Methodist Hymnal # 234 vs. 1-3

\*SENDING FORTH

Beloveds, May God's Door of Welcome swing open in our hearts and in our lives. May Christ's humble first dwelling remind us of all we already know. And may the Spirit lead us into possibilities of hospitality that we haven't imagined, making room in The Inn for all.

May it be so for you. May it be so for us. May it be so for this church. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Joy to the World"

Tim Barnes, organ

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We are black, brown, red, yellow, white, and all the colors of God's created rainbow. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, and straight. We are transgender, intersex, female, male, gender fluid. We are queer. We are questioning. We are every age. We are every ability.

We are every economic & theological location. We are YOU.

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