

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Brian R.
Victims of natural disasters	Frank M.
Those suffering from mental illness	Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y. Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Those affected by gun violence	Connie C.
Those who are homeless	Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Viola C.
Susan W.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Carolyn and Alex B.	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Kifah, friend of David L.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Jeff, friend of Judy K.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Bob, Carole B.'s son	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Josh O.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Donald R.	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Mary Lou L.	Sterling B.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law	Matthew F., USAF
Keith A.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Gwen H.	Christopher Y., USAF

This Week's Birthdays

December 22 Mikenzie Dennis	December 24 Jean Scothon
December 23 Wayne Pullman	

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December 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

The light and hope of Christ live in each of us. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude	<i>The Tender Mother</i>	J.S. Bach
	Marlene Dirksen	

Introit	<i>Be Joyful in the Lord</i>	H. Hopson
	Bells: Gabriela Martinez, Javier Gonzalez, Matias Gonzalez	

Call to Worship with Lighting of Advent Candles	John Vas
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L: Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise, and generation to generation, we are your people.

P: You have been with us wherever we have gone. You will be with us wherever we may go.

L: You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey, then you planted our salvation in Mary's womb.

P: Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly in each one of us.

L: Our souls magnify the Holy One.

P: Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

L: We light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Hymn Response *O Come, Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 4) UMH 211
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Old Testament Reading Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Unison Prayer (2 Samuel 7, Luke 1:26-38)

Beloved, Holy Lover, we welcome you to our house, the sacred space we have built to gather together as your people. Here we come to offer you our thanksgiving and praise in response to the abundance of your creation. Here we come to share with you our prayers of confession and petition, for they lie heavy on our hearts. Even knowing that you are here and everywhere, we come longing to hear you say, "I am with you always." Amen.

Hymn *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph* UMH 215
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Message of Love "What Christmas Means to Me This Year"

Special Music *A Son Is Given* John Purifoy
Soloist: Deb Chermonte

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Luke 1:47-55)

L: Compassionate, Forgiving God, we trespass on your mercy and take your favor for granted.

P: We think only of ourselves.

L: We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore

our responsibility to those who will follow us.

P: We grow proud and seek power.

L: We do not see the destruction of our actions and how this distances us from you.

P: We do not recognize our hunger for what it is, or where it leads us.

L: We grow faint.

P: Bring us home to you, Merciful Beloved.

Words of Assurance (Luke 1:47-55)

The Holy One forgives and bestows favor on each of us, even and especially when we are lowly in spirit. We are blessed from generation to generation by the Mighty One, whose strength and mercy are forever.

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering with Prayer

Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contribution to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:26-38

Hymn *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH 240

Sermon "Nothing Will Be Impossible with God"
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn *Like a Child* TFWS 2092

Benediction (Luke 1:47-55, Romans 16, Luke 1:26-38)

L: Be strengthened according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ.

P: Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Holy One is with you.

All: Nothing is impossible with God.

Postlude *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. H. Smart