

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

4th Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The King Shall Come

Charles Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We come as a covenant people.

People: A covenant written on our hearts.

Liturgist: We come to worship a God who loves us.

People: Who sent us a Savior as a baby in a manger.

All: We come to worship a God who keeps his covenant with his people.

*HYMN

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

No. 215

OPENING PRAYER (seated)

Unison: **Covenantal God, we come with agendas and our to-do lists. Help us turn our minds and hearts to Jesus: the baby, the teacher, the healer, the Savior. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Dan and Taryn Blydenburgh Family

ADVENT SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Vs. 7, No. 211

**O come, Desire of nations bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.**

**From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CHOIR CANTATA *A Christmas Carol Gallery, Portraits of the Season* Larry Shackley
Celebration of Faith Choir

*HYMN

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

No. 198

MEDITATION

"God's Promises Fulfilled"

Pastor Janet Sattel

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **God of promises, you have always kept your covenants, but we have not. Throughout history we, your people, have broken covenants, and even now we have failed to keep our part of the partnership. All we have gone astray, we have turned to our own way. Through Christ, forgive us, as you continue to call us to share our lives with you. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Sung Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

David Cherwien

*Congregational Response

(sung to the First Noel)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel

*HYMN

He Is Born

No. 228

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: May starlight guide your steps toward this place of wonder.

May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger.

May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth,

and may faith tell you that Emmanuel will be with us soon, in human skin.

Amen.

All: And Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

People Look East

Robert Lau

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

*The altar flowers this morning are presented by Joyce Redinger
In memory of "my husband, Ralph."*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

Liturgist: Tom McKennett

Cantata Director: Anita Esler, Celebration of Faith Choir (Traditional Service Choir)

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

2022 Mission Support

International

Heifer Int., UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief),

Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

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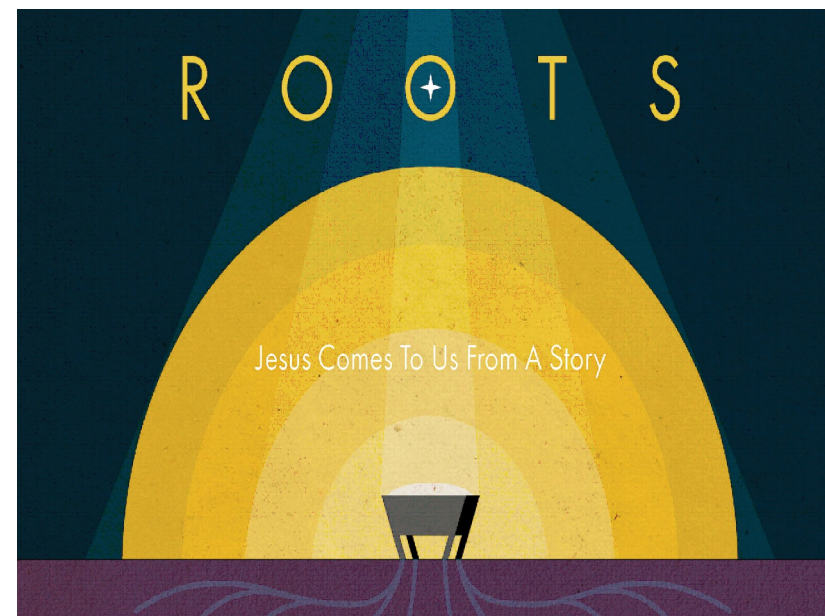


United Methodist
**Church of the
Good Shepherd**
"connecting to broken and hurting people"

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Celebration of Faith



"God's Promises Fulfilled"

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday in Advent

11:00 A.M.

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church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

ROOTS Week 4: "God's Promises Fulfilled"
Luke 1:26-38; Luke 1:46-55
Pastor Janet Saddle

The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will give birth to the long-awaited Messiah, who is the descendant of King David.

A covenant is God's word to us, God's promise. God always kept his promises and never broke any of his covenants, but we failed to keep up our part of the partnership.

Jesus comes to through this covenant story of God working with his people. A faithful, loving God who never stops offering his steadfast love to us. This is Israel's story - but it is also ours because it comes to us through Jesus, the Messiah.

Emmanuel means - God with us - God took on flesh and became one of us. Jesus comes to us through this story of flesh and blood.

The New Covenant that Jesus made is an everlasting promise from God that we can enter into that precious relationship with God through Jesus - the Covenant keeper.

All we need do is say "yes" to his covenant. Everyone is invited - all are welcome in this covenant. When we say "yes" to Jesus, we become a part of the covenant and a part of this rich story. A story that caused Mary to break out into song.

The Christmas story is our story - the story of a God who loves us so very much, he has reached out over and over again. And he continues to reach out to every person on earth. For God so loved the world - every single human.

This is a wonderful story with roots that run deep and love that runs wide, with a history that goes back to the beginning of time and reaches out into eternity - all of it woven with God's steadfast love.

Calendar for Week of 12/18/2022

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]
9:45 - Sunday School
11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

MONDAY

10am - Staff Meeting
6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

TUESDAY

3:30-5:30 - Private LB Hall
6:30 - Blue Christmas Service (Sanctuary)
7:00 - Book Study [Lounge]
7:30 - Traditional Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]
7:00 - Celebrate Recovery Christmas

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team
5:30 - Traditional Design Team

FRIDAY

SATURDAY Christmas Eve

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
Christmas Eve Services
4: Family Service
6: Contemporary
8: Contemporary
10: Candle & Carol Service

SUNDAY Christmas Day

10:00 - Worship Service [Worship Center]