



First United
Methodist Church
WEST DUNDEE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 22, 2024

Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

But you, O Bethlehem, you who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from old, from ancient days.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for he shall be the one of peace.

From Michah 5

*HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH #220

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Miller/Suskin Family

Reader: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O members and friends in West Dundee, from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHORAL PIECE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LESSON

Luke 1:39-45

Mike Buhrmann

CHORAL ANTHEM

MESSAGE

“Girl Talk”

Pastor Rick Carlson

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God ye creatures here below

Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit!

Alleluiah! Alleluiah! Alleluiah!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

Angels We Have Heard on High

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***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Greeters Jan Livengood, Sue Beichne, and Sonja Hunter

Liturgist Mike Buhrmann

Media Dane Granholm, Laura Suskin

Pastor Pastor Rick Carlson

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