

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022

10:00 AM

**Prelude** Ding Dong Merrily on High **Rita Pittman**  
**Welcome and Announcements** **Dr. Alan Forsman**  
**Lighting of the Advent Candle** **Rev. Liz and Dallas Jensen**

**Choral Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** **Rev. Liz Jensen**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song

**People: Sing to the Lord all the earth**

Leader: Tell of His salvation from day to day

**People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised**

**\*Invocation**

Hymn #128 Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Prayers of the Church**

Moment of Silent Prayer

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #125 Angels We Have Heard on High

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings** **Rev. Liz Jensen**

**“freely you have received, freely give” Matthew. 10:8**

The Offertory One Small Child

\*The Doxology #638

\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 **Rev. Liz Jensen**

Special Music

**Sermon** **Are you Ready for Christmas?**

\*Hymn # 135 Go Tell it on the Mountain

\*Benediction

Postlude Hark the Herald Angels Sing **Rita Pittman**

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**\* You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

**CHURCH LIFE**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER.**

Steve Hartley dealing with health issues.

Ron Davis recovering health issues.

David Olund upcoming surgery.

Dave and Kay Johnson struggling with health issues.

People who are struggling for direction in their lives.

Families struggling to adjust to new difficulties.

**BIBLE STUDY** Will resume after the first of the year.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** - Sunday morning at 9:00 am **Everyone Welcome !**

**ENVELOPE PICK UP** – Please pick up your offering envelopes at the side table.

**YOU ARE INVITED** To a Birthday Party for Jesus after Christmas Eve Service. All Snacks/Finger food Welcome. Call Michele 586-246-2356.

**There will be no Service on Christmas Day.**

**COUNCIL POSITION OPEN** – We are in need of a Financial Secretary and an Altar and Worship Chair. Please see Diane Carl or one of the council members.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – We are getting ready to update our directory. If you haven't filled out an information sheet please pick one up at the back of the church.

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – Books are available at the side table.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Rafferty 12/21, David Warner 12/24

**Head Usher:** Hal Bates

**Usher/Greeters:**

Chris & Pam Gabie

Molly Posser & Misty McDuffie

**Attendance Last Sunday:**

**In-Person: 66**

**Online Church: 24**

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Matthew 1:18-25 New Living Translation  
**The Birth of Jesus the Messiah**

<sup>18</sup> This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement<sup>[a]</sup> quietly.

<sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus,<sup>[a]</sup> for he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,  
and they will call him Immanuel,<sup>[a]</sup>  
which means 'God is with us.'"

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.



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