

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Scripture**

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Impossible

Rev. Dric Williford

***Closing Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High

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***Benediction**

***Benediction Song**

On Eagle's Wings

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

***Postlude**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Leslye Ames

*Stand as you are able.

Lay Reader: Michael Miller

Commit . . . Connect . . . Engage . . .

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LOVE

8:30 a.m. Worship
December 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *What Child is This?* Leslye Ames

***Invocation**

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

***Greeting Time**

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath Miller Family
(please see the bulletin insert)

Hymn of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **234**

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.* *means universal

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Congregational Singing

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

**God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, for Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Children's Moment

(all children are invited to Children's Church for a special Advent study)

Offertory

The Coventry Carol

Madison Cunningham &
Peyton Moore