GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Prelude

Choral Introit

Welcome Announcements

Praise Songs

Call to Worship Peggy Rouleau Leader: It's Christmas Eve Morning! How quickly this time has come upon us!

Fourth Sunday of Advent

People: We are breathless. Still so much to be done.

Leader: Calm your spirits. Take time to hear the wondrous news. People: Open our ears to hear the story of God's love for us. Leader: Believe in the good news!

People: We believe and rejoice! God's love is here with us! AMEN.

Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" **UMH 220** Lighting of the Advent Candles Steve & Linda Futter and Josh, Lindsay & Carson Haak

Prayer

Peggy Rouleau

Precious Savior, breathlessly we wait for your Coming. The house has been made ready. The tree is trimmed with beautiful lights and sentimental ornaments. Already there are presents under the tree. The guests have been invited. All of the ingredients for a delightful, sumptuous meal have been purchased. Our hearts are filled to overflowing with love for you and for one another. Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moment

Anthem:

Choir

The Word of God for the People of God

Scripture - Luke 2:1-7 Peggy Rouleau In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. ² This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. ⁴ Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. ⁵ He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant.⁶ While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. ⁷She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Message: What's Christmas All About?	Pastor Sung Ho Lee
Sharing Joys and Concerns	
The People Bring Their Gifts The baskets will be passed or you may use	Pastor Sung Ho Lee the UMCL app
The People Offer Praise "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	w" UMH #95
The People Go into The World	
Hymn: "What Child is This"	UMH #219
Benediction	

Postlude