

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD Sunday, December 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Darcy Young

*Call to Worship

Peg Rouleau

Leader: We come to worship the God

People: who brings good news of great joy.

Leader: When our hearts are light and when our burdens are heavy, Christ is near.

People: We rejoice—not because life is easy, but because Jesus is with us.

Leader: The angel said, “Do not be afraid.”

People: We lay aside our fears and open our hearts to God’s joy.

*Praise Songs:

Praise Band

Prayer

Peg Rouleau

Gracious God, we thank You for the good news of extraordinary joy.

In this season of celebration, we come to You just as we are—with joy and gratitude, and also with worries and burdens. Fill our hearts with Your love, peace, hope, and joy. Help us to rejoice always, not because life is easy, but because You are with us. We give You thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen.

*Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent

Brad & Maddy Shull

Anthem: “No Room, No Room”

Choir

Baptism: Kody Cox and

Finley and Murphy Cox – Sons of Kody & Jennah Cox

Congregation:

It is our joy to welcome Kody, Finley and Murphy in Christian love. With God’s help we will order our lives after the example of Christ, that Kody, Finley and Murphy, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

*Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

UMH 220(v. 1,2,4)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8–15

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⁸ Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. ⁹ The Lord’s angel stood before them, the Lord’s glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ The angel said, “Don’t be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. ¹¹ Your savior is born today in David’s city. He is Christ the Lord. ¹² This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors.”

¹⁵ When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go right now to Bethlehem and see what’s happened. Let’s confirm what the Lord has revealed to us.”

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Message: Jesus is Our Joy

Pastor Sung Ho Lee

The People Bring Their Gifts

The baskets will be passed or you may use the UMCL app

*“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

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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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children’s Presentation:

Sunday School

“The Christmas Story (Kid’s Abridged Version)”

*Hymn: “Joy to The World”

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*Benediction

Postlude

*please stand if you are able