

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 am - December 24, 2017

We Gather Together

Welcome

Chancel Choir

Christmas Fanfare

*Call To Worship

One: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

All: Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*Singing

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Children's Blessing

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

Chancel Choir

Tell It On The Mountain

We Receive the Word

Scripture

Luke 2:1-5

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. 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. He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant.

The Journey to Bethlehem

Rev. Dean N. Prentiss

Gift of Music

O Little Town of Bethlehem

We Respond to the Word

Offering Our Selves and Gifts to God

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

In the advent seasons, when the past has fled, unasked, away and there is nothing left to do but wait, God, shelter us. Be our surrounding darkness; be the fertile soil out of which hope springs in due time. In uncertain times, help us to greet the dawn and labor on, love one, in faith awaiting your purpose hid in you waiting to be born in due time. Amen.

We Go Forth Into the World

*Singing UMH #218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*Benediction

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

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*Please stand as you are able or comfortable.

Our Advent series is based on the book Faithful: Christmas through the eyes of Joseph by Adam Hamilton.

Our Mission is to build a Christian community with all people.

Our vision: by 2018, Wesley Park will strive to inspire from the youngest to the oldest and everybody in between to live out the greatest commandment: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

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9:30 am Worship Servants:

☀ **Greeters:** Lynda Edsall, Pat Warren

☀ **Ushers:** Bob Williams, Chuck Dear, Sheryl Jones, Jim Gustafson

☀ **Acolytes:** Zach Kinney and Madeline Brink

☀ **Computer Tech:** Kathy Carruthers

☀ **Nursery:** Skyler Maitner, Janice Starnes

☀ **Sound Board:** Pat Carruthers

☀ **Video Tech:** Nate Fischer

☀ **Welcome Desk:** Deb Hodges and Tabi Fischer

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