

The 4th Sunday of Advent 2018

THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

FUPC Brass Prelude

“Once in Royal David’s City”
“Cherry Tree Carol”

Gauntlett/Larson
arr. Richard Price

* Call to Worship

One: God-with-us, Emmanuel, comes to give us our own Holy Family, here with the body of Christ this day.

All: Rejoice and be glad! Amen!

* Opening Prayer

One: Eternal God of power and grace, who comes to us in surprising ways— in angel appearances, in defeat of enemies, and in resurrection from the dead— show us the face of Immanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. *(Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ)*

THE NATIVITY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Welcome and Prayer

Carol: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Rev. Meggan Farwell
#88 (verse 1)

The Prophecy

The prophet speaks the Word of the Lord

Carol: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#82 (verse 1 & 2)

Mary and Joseph

The young couple encounters the greatness of the Lord

Carol: “To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”

#98 (verses 1 & 2)

Bethlehem

A long trip to the special town of the descendants of David

Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

#121 (verse 1)

The Birth of Our Lord

She gave birth to her first son, and laid him in a manger

Carol: “Away in a Manger”

#115 (verse 1 - 3)

The Angels, Shepherds, and Animals

The extraordinary and ordinary marvel at the birth of the Lord

Carol: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#143 (verse 1 & 2)

Carol: “What Child Is This?”

#145 (verse 1)

The Visit of the Wise Men

Following the star, they bring gifts to the King

Carol: “We Three Kings”

#151 (verses 1-5)

Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Sunday School Children

The Beginning

The tiny baby transforms the past, the present, and the future

Carol: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#119 (verses 1 & 2)

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

Musical Offertory

"Chorale Prelude on *Cradle Song*"

setting, Gordon Young

* Doxology #607

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Holy God, you bless us with many gifts, you retrieve us from despair and fear, you visit us with surprising proclamations, and you intend for us good things. We thank you for your steadfast love, for sending signs of assurance, and for the gift of faith. Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need, reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* Charge & Benediction

* Postlude

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

setting, Wilbur Held

* Please stand as you are able

Bold type indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.



Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you at the front of the church if needed.

Pageant Cast

Narrators:	Lizzie Renier Mackay Campbell Sarah McPherson Ian Mackey	Wisemen:	Jack Planert Tristen Ostrom Deacon McCurley
Prophet:	Ian McPherson	Shepherd:	Ian McPherson
Gabriel:	Ian Farwell	Camel:	Quentin McCurley
Mary:	Abby Renier	Angels:	Piper Clayton, Elaine Farwell Dahlia Lester
Joseph:	Jack Clayton	Animals:	Pre-K thru 2 nd Grade
Innkeeper:	Deacon McCurley	Soloist:	Ian Mackey
Angel:	Quentin McCurley	Costumes:	Becky Nyberg

Our beautiful chancel flowers are given by: The Liturgical Arts Committee and Lois Pelishek in remembrance of her parents Harvey & Edith Krueger.

Assisting in Worship This Morning

Greeters: Jill Larson, Mark Riggle & Paris Riggle
Liturgist: Loren Porretto
Acolytes: Sarah McPherson & Mackay Campbell
Ushers: Norb & Sue Goral and Joe & Barb Williams
Organist: Julie Mackey
FUPC Brass Quartet Director: Andy Parks
FUPC Quartet Members: Connie Campbell, Abby Malcolm, David Malcolm, & Andy Parks
Elder of the Month: Ted Huebbe
Deacons of the Month: Mike Kettner & Wanda Bauer
Tech Crew: Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams
Fellowship: Cindi Barnett & Diane Betz

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