

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE ... "Silent Night" ..... Charlotte Smith

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER ..... Pastor and Congregation

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH..... David and Toni Kellis family

CHORAL RESPONSE... "Light the Light, the Fire of Life" ... vs. 4..... 82

GOSPEL LESSON...*Matthew 1:18-25*..... Molly Abbott

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.<sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.<sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,<sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

HYMN ... "The First Nowell" ... vs. 1, 2 and 4 ..... 124

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ..... Brandi Powers

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.**

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.**

MORNING PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERINGS

**CBF Global Missions ... Macedonia**

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Usher

OFFERTORY ... "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ...vs. 1, 2 and 4 .....107

INVITATION TO WORSHIP ..... Molly Abbott

Come, let us worship with story and song;

For with the birth of the Christ Child,

Our God came to live among us;

**Emmanuelle, God with us.**

Come, let us worship.

## *Go Sing It on the Mountain*

by Pepper Choplin

Narrator ... Nichole Smith

Rise, O People, and Bring Good News

A Child is Gonna Come

*Solo...Julie McCaskill*

Call His Name Jesus

Angel Band

Hush, Little Baby

*Duet...John Beard and Julie McCaskill*

Go Sing It on the Mountain

Scottish Worship Carol

Joyous Nowell to the World

BENEDICTION..... Pastor

SHARING LOVE AND PEACE

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY

12:00 noon ..... Christmas Cantata ... *Go Sing It on the Mountain*

MONDAY

5:30 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**USHERS**

**TODAY** ..... Nancy Ruppert's Team

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Eugene Crisco's Team

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**TODAY** ..... Barbara Buckland

**NEXT SUNDAY** ..... Pauline and McKenzie Jackson

**PRAYER LIST**

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness			Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
<i>At Home:</i> Helen Greene, Irene Warner			Mary James	Mildred Hunsucker	friend
<i>Friends and Relatives of:</i>				Benny McBride	friend
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Bob Moore	nephew
	Tony Lawson	friend		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Toni Atchison	sister		Don Britt	nephew
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Sheila Capel	Ada Capel	mother	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew
	Vernon Capel, Jr.	brother		Melissa Green	daughter
Jane Covington	Faye Thomas	sister	Jean Maness	Carol Luther	friend
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law	Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Lucille McLeod		brother
Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters	Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
Mildred Grey	Ernestine Stevenson	friend	Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter	Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
			Don McCaskill	Angie McCaskill	wife
			<i>Service Personnel:</i> Seth Spivey, Chris Stuart		