

# Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024

Attendance Cards: Please complete & drop in offering plate.  
We're glad you're here!

Welcome/Announcements/Prayer Concerns

**PRELUDE** "He Shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah  
GF Handel

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: The good news of Christmas was not announced  
by prophets, priests, or kings,

**People: But by two women who were the first to know.**

One: We light this fourth candle of Advent,

**People: The candle of peace.**

One: May God make us ready

**People: For the coming of Jesus.**

**All: We come to worship Christ our King.**

**\*HYMN** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" UMH 220

## \*UNISON PRAYER

God of power unexpected,  
you come to us in such subtle ways.

In this season of busyness

help us to slow down and notice simple gifts.

When the volume of life grows too loud,

quiet us in your presence

so that we may hear your whisper.

Keep us faithful as we await your coming.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Micah 5:2-5a  
p. 756 Santa Biblia p. 707

**ANTHEM** "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"  
arr. Niles/Carter

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

**HYMN** "Wait for the Lord" W&S 3049

**\*GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 1:39-56  
p. 831 Santa Biblia p. 785

**\*HYMN** "Wait for the Lord" W&S 3049

**SERMON** "Lifted" Rev. Kim Armentrout

**RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211 vs. 6

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERTORY** "The Angel Gabriel to Mary Came" arr. Kerr

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 94

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION** "Love Has Come" W&S 3059  
(see screen for words)

**POSTLUDE** "In Dulce Jubilo" JS Bach  
*\*Please rise*



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## Music Notes

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" The first people who heard this verse were probably monks in a 15<sup>th</sup> century church in Germany. Imagine how "cold and snow of winter" it would have been! Rooms made of stone or wood, not heated, and the ever present darkness of the season. This text compares the birth of Jesus to a blooming rose. This popular analogy of that period was a symbol of hope, of a beautiful tender bloom coming forth when nothing else was green or growing except maybe evergreen trees. The tune is equally as ancient, attributed to Praetorius in 1609. I love thinking how deep into the past our musical history can go, how long we've been singing these songs, and how, by singing them, we pass them down to the congregations of the future.

Mary Ellen Clinard

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Staff!

Senior Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
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Rev. Kim Armentrout  
Rev. Daniel Cardenas  
Mary Ellen Clinard  
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Pam Fugett  
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## This Week at First Church

**SUNDAY 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
 10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
**Nursery:** Susan Beagle & Daphne Murphy

**MONDAY 23**  
 8 am Breakfast Club

**TUESDAY 24 Christmas Eve**  
 10:30 am Worship & Communion  
 2 pm Office Closed  
 7 pm Christmas Eve Special Music  
 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 Office closes at 2 pm

**WEDNESDAY 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
 Office Closed

**THURSDAY 26—OFFICE CLOSED**

**FRIDAY 27—OFFICE CLOSED**

**SATURDAY 28**

**SUNDAY 29 First Sunday of Christmas**  
 9 am Sunday School — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
 10:30 am Worship — IN PERSON & ONLINE  
**Nursery:** Dave & Patty McGraw

## Prayer Concerns

### Members of the Church Family

Bob Rogers	Bob Weineke	Betty Risner
Judy Smith	Jerry Slama	Don Burley
Kathy Wright	Debbie Ellis	John Regensburg
Bill & Pat Schaefer	Tom Atkinson	Herman Emmert
Luanne Fugate & family		
All Our Homebound Members		

### Family & Friends of the Church:

Kerry Byrd, husband of Brenda Byrd	Tracy Snyder, sister of Vickie Frazer
Laurie Rogers, daughter of Bob & Becky Rogers	Tim Brown, nephew of Mary Maurer
Carolyn J Howard, niece of Mary Maurer	Marcia Young, friend of Glenna Combs
Thomas Swank II, nephew of Steve Swank & Melanie Alderton	Carl Shiflett, husband of Sandi Shiflett and father of Angela Murphy
Darnell Williams, step son-in-law of Brenda Byrd	David Hezlep & Kathy Hezlep brother & sister of Tim Hezlep
Pam Zenefski, aunt of Cory Smarzinski	Kate Huffman, daughter of Sue Faulkner
Cade & Conner Herring, nephews of Patt Gibson	Mary E., Friend of Sue Faulkner
Ernie Streithau, friend of Mike & Gloria Freeman	
Ray Neusch, friend of Tom & Chris Buchert	
Sandi Valandingham, friend of Gloria Freeman	

## Announcements

### CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

During this season there are several ways you could choose to share with our community.

- 1) We have started highlighting an item of the month for our Pantry. For Dec. it is sugar. Your donation can be placed in the blue barrel in the North foyer.
- 2) Our Giving Tree is located in The Commons. Shalom has Requested adult hats & gloves.
- 3) Gift cards/monetary donations for laundry or Friday Place can be placed in the container near the Giving Tree.

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you ordered a poinsettia—Thank You! They always help make our sanctuary lovely. You will be given a card with the number of poinsettias you ordered. This card will be exchanged for your plants. Please refrain from taking them home until after the 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

*Holiday Schedule:*

Monday 23	9 am—1 pm
Tuesday 24	Christmas Eve
	9am—2 pm (closed during worship)
	10:30 am Worship & Communion
	7 pm Christmas Eve Special Music
	7:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Wednesday 25— Friday 27	Office Closed

Monday 30	9 am—1 pm
Tuesday 31	9 am—5 pm
Wednesday Jan 1	Office Closed
Thursday 2	9 am—5 pm
Friday 3	9 am—1 pm

*Beginning January 6, 2025:*

Monday	9 am - noon
Tuesday	9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 5 pm
Thursday	9 am - 5 pm
Friday	Closed

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Associate Pastor	Rev. Daniel Cardenas
Organist	Mary Ellen Clinard
Scripture Reader	Rick Lyke
Media Team	Johnny Schmitt
	Brent Alexander
	Rachel Hurley
	Sylvie Gadness
	Dave McGraw
	Danica Murphy

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