



United Methodist Church of Antioch

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

PRELUDE *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	Worship One service only, 9:15am Family Friendly Worship Service, 5pm Traditional Communion Service, 7pm AA 8-9pm/White Rm AA 8-9pm/White Rm
Mon, Dec 25	Christmas Day-Office Closed Private Event 3-8pm/Kitchen & Wesley Hall AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Tues, Dec 26	Office Closed AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Wed, Dec 27	Office Closed AA 10-11am; 8-9pm/White Rm
Thurs, Dec 28	Office Closed AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Fri, Dec 29	Office Closed AA 10-11am AA 6:30-7:30pm; 8:30-9:30pm
Sat, Dec 30	AA 6-7pm/White Rm
Sun, Dec 31	UVC Sunday Worship One service only, 9:15am AA 8-9pm/White Rm

~Please note, the worship service is recorded and streamed to the internet, and there are large print bulletins and Bibles available. See an usher if you would like one. Additionally, there are handicap accessible restrooms located in Wesley Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Please Note: Pastor Katie will be on vacation following today's service through January 1. The office will be closed during this time. If you need pastoral assistance while Pastor Katie is away, please contact Beth Stahl, Jim Menzer or Cheryl Collins. Also, please know Pastor Katie turns her cell phone off while on vacation, so she will not receive your calls, voicemail, texts, or email until she returns. Merry Christmas to all, and let us rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior!

-The office staff will be working on your end of year statements after the holiday. However, if you are planning to make an end-of-the-year gift, please have it turned in by December 31 to ensure it is counted in the correct year.

The Church Nursery is available for children 4 years and under. Please speak to an usher if you need nursery care. We follow our Safe Sanctuary policy, a copy of which is available in the nursery room. Also, children's activity folders are available by the Usher's stand.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

9:15am service Valerie & Mike Lapke

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Unison)

Spoken after Reader 2 "...God's love transforms us into bearers of good news."

We wait as people who have encountered divine Love that disrupts the status quo and ushers us into abundant life marked by mutual love and peace that flows from the flourishing of all people.

MISSION STATEMENT (Unison)

The mission of the United Methodist Church of Antioch is to grow in faith, to worship God following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to be instruments of God's love through the Holy Spirit as we reach out to our community and the world.

** Invites you to stand as you are able or to sit with gusto!*

***WE ARE WELCOMED TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: Fears get in the way of us being able to do anything.

P: **In Scripture, the angels' first words are usually, "Do not fear!"**

L: Taking a leap of faith for God doesn't make it easier.

P: **Mary sets us an example of one who was given a choice and said Yes to God. We want to be people who are as faithful as Mary.**

***HYMN Red Hymnal #214** *Savior of the Nations Come*

***OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Precious Lord, we thank you for helping us to wait for you during this season of Advent. Just a few more hours – we think we can get there! We look forward to celebrating Jesus' arrival, even now, while we still look forward to his return. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Red Hymnal #198 *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

WE ASK FOR UNDERSTANDING (Unison)

Holy Child, the One for whom we are preparing, we ask you to guide our thinking, our praying, and our hoping. Focus our eyes and ears in these moments as we hear your Scriptures read and interpreted so that we might have a greater understanding. May our time together with you help us all to be more prepared for your coming. Amen.

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS -Luke 1:26-38; 46b-55

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Rev. Katie Voigt

Do Not Be Afraid

SPECIAL MUSIC

Of My Father's Love Begotten

Valerie Lapke & Liam Klingler

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys/Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

My Grown-Up Christmas List

Jennifer Klingler

***DOXOLOGY #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS TO GOD (Unison)**

Gracious and Generous God: We offer our gifts to you, knowing that the energy exerted in our giving is tiny compared to what we've expended finding the gifts for our families and friends. You have given us a glimpse of the gift you truly seek in the angel's conversation with Mary: when told that she would give birth to our savior, she simply said, "Yes, let it be according to your word." May that affirmation of faith and obedience be the gift we offer this day. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN Black Hymnal #2092**

Like a Child

***WE GO FORTH WITH BLESSING (Responsively)**

L: When God invites us to serve, how will we respond?

P: We want our response to be like Mary's: Let it be with us according to the Word of God.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also, with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Red indicates “The United Methodist Hymnal”

Black indicates “The Faith We Sing”

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Worship Attendance/Giving for Sunday Dec 17, 2023

8:00am -51

10:30am -64

General Fund: \$7,732

Missions: \$549

Building: \$30

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Today

Dec 31

Greeters

9:15am

Anne Dickson

Denny Sathoff

Ushers

9:15am

Jerry Topcik

Walt Cichonski

Soundboard

9:15am

Mike Lapke

Chris Shannon

Liturgists

9:15am

Leta Sathoff

Many

Coffee Servers

9:15am

Raes

Vogels

Church Openers

Sathoffs

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Deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of each month-for the FOLLOWING month Send info in Word doc or body of email to editorumca@gmail.com

Next deadline is January 15th for the February newsletter.

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.