

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PLEASANT VALLEY AND CAMDEN AVENUES

MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ
with a hurting world through words and actions

DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M. Service

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX
HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM USHERS

PRELUDE

Mary Had a Baby
The Snow Lay on the Ground
Wexford Carol
Brass Quartet

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 250** Once in Royal David's City

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things
that God is doing.

People: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.

Leader: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presents,
but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us—the gift of the Christ child.

**People: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love
is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

Leader: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: Ragnhild and Bob Banes

***OPENING PRAYER** – O God beyond time, we are an impatient people. As the days grow shorter and
the darkness longer, teach us to wait with faithful expectation. In this time of worship, open our eyes and
hearts to the Advent blessings in our midst. May every day be a day of gratitude for your compassion and
grace. Through the guidance of your Spirit, lead each one of us in the pathways that make for peace. In
the name of Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING 199** Luke 1:47-55

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881** The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Amen. Amen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Child of Promise
Adult Choir; Janet Durand, Flute

CALL TO PRAYER 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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.

CHORAL AMEN

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

We welcome all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out the Friendship Pad and
pass it along to the person next to you and then pass back to the center aisle. Write any special prayer
requests on the sheets provided in the pew racks and place in the offering plate.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Come Celebrate
Adult Choir

*DOXOLOGY 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 242** Love Came Down at Christmas

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

MESSAGE

God Became Human Pastor HeyYoung Horton

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 248** On This Day Earth Shall Ring

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*The People Stand

BRASS QUARTET: Fred Reimers, Bill Hosbach, Art Leiby, and Andrei Shidlowski

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS and your 1st UMC family in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning
before this service. Come for coffee, tea, lemonade and continental breakfast from 10:30-11:00. Just
follow the path outside Fellowship Hall or wind your way inside the Education Building, to get to the
Sanctuary for the 11:00 service.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four. We love children and little ones are welcome in our worship service. On those days when your child is fussy, the parlor located behind the sanctuary provides an excellent place to care for your children and still participate in the worship service. There is a powder room right outside the parlor that can be used for changing diapers.

USHERS: Charlie Rudolph, Ceciley Binegar, Shirland Daglian, Richard Loring, Jack Schweitzer

ACOLYTES: Anna and Emme Youse **GREETERS:** Rick and Linda Young

SCRIPTURE READER: Elite Law

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: Worship: 567 Sunday School: 48

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in the healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc. Thank you!

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO: The family of Rev. Richard Thawley, who passed away last week. **ALSO TO:** Sandra Handal on the death of her mother Ethel Matthews.


PRAYER CONCERNS: Carolyn Emme, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Jane Mertz, Barbara Lobe, Norman Adams (husband of Betty Adams), Ron Griffith, Sam Wang (cousin of Elite Law), Lynda Rodriguez (daughter of Bob Rodriguez), Mary Schick (friend of Linda Wanagas), Robb Murray, Joe DeCesare (friend of Joyce Scheyhing), Gary Graham (father of Brad Graham), Mary Kate Canal (sister of Brian O'Donnell), Joanne Doto (friend of Gail Van Dyke), Carol LaFon, Carolyn Kinnard, Deanne Czeiner, Marie Newman (friend of Doug Hamilton), Ken Kunzman (friend of Dick Loring), Jane Emely-Roach, Linda Albert, Steve Murray (brother of Bob Murray), Matt Fasbinder (friend of Mary Raroha), Mary Raroha, Tyler Wilson and parents Mark & Karleen (relatives of Linda Wanagas), Raelee and Janet Shaw (relatives of Pattie Gritzan), Carol Murphy (friend of Dick Loring and Greg Bryan), Stephen Moyer (grandson of Ragnhild Banes), Tom Bintliff (friend of Doug Hamilton), Steve Heller, Allan Estrin, Janet Brown (friend of Carol Taylor), MaryJane Harris (Niece of Bob Rodriguez), Marlene Bell Taylor (daughter of Zorada).

The Staff of First United Methodist Church

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