

Christ UMC Worship
12.22.2024
4th Sunday of Advent | Believe in the Promise

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING MUSIC	Dr. Johnathan Vest
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	

Sung response:

**Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come into our lives and into our hearts.
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come**

Composer: Gene Cotton. Used with permission.

Spoken response: **Believe in the promise.**

*OPENING HYMN	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" <i>Congregation</i>	240 (Red hymnal)
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**1 Hark! the herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

**Refrain:
Hark! the herald angels sing:
Glory to the new-born King.**

**2 Christ, by highest Heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

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.**

OFFERING

"Be Born In Me (Mary)"
Annie Mitchell

Herms | Nordeman

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*DOXOLOGY

94 (Red hymnal)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
 praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
 Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!**

SILENT REFLECTION

WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD

CLOSING SONG

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Congregation

230 (red hymnal)

**1. O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie;
 above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light;**

**the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth!**

**3. How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.**

**4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!**

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SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

BLESSING SONG

"Come, Lord Jesus, Come "

Cotton

**Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come into our lives and into our hearts.
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come**

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CLOSING MUSIC

Dr. Johnathan Vest

Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns

Linda Cotton and Family following the death of her husband, Ray
Nancy Brown and Family following the death of her sister-in-law, Barbara Smith
Norman Tiedemann
Oliver Loft
Shanelle Rauh
Sravanthi and Sujitha Nutalapati

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Jean Beshears
Friends and Family of Peggy Bowling following her death
Velma Bradley
Dave Bradley
Don Campbell
Gavin Partee Christianson
Dave Edmunds
Katie Embody
Margaret Fortney
Mary Fredenhagen
John Geer
Brent Greene
Olivia Haight
Karen Kiappes
Jerry Kirk
Caroline Lantz
Linda Mallory
Sue Mueller
Bob Munn
Chuck Neighbors
Terry Paradise
Peace in the Middle East
Marshall Price
Judson Randolph
Amy Saffell
Saucier/Kohler Family following the death of Thelma Ann Saucier
Bradly Thomas
Leslie Tiedemann
Sulaiman Tunkara and Family
Ukraine
Steve White and Mandy Jones following the death of their mother, Cynthia White
John Wigant
Terri Wildman