Music Notes:
Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent but you’ll find a bit of the Christmas celebration has spilled over to today since we are so close to Christmas Eve. For many of us the days leading up to Christmas is the favorite time of year. Music of the season transports us to that first Christmas. Carols that describe snow give us a chill. The story of a shunned reindeer makes us feel empathy. Because all these songs—especially those hymns and carols we sing here—often bring back wonderful memories and are like presents that we get to unwrap again every year. There is ample opportunity today to sing in the service. Try taking a fresh look at the words and perhaps create a new memory.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

10:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The Middle & High School youth (6th-12th graders) are NOT meeting this week for Sunday School.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI will not meet December 22nd or 29th. We will resume on January 5, 2020 with new discussions of contemporary issues and their effects on our faith journey. And, as always, we’ll have coffee and cookies to enrich the conversations.

11:00 A.M. EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS ROOM 15, led by Vicki Krueger
Experiencing God will not meet December 22nd or 29th. We will resume January 5th.
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus’ own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
This Bible study will not meet December 22nd or 29th. We will resume January 5th.
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the Immersion Bible Studies—Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!
**Order for the Public Worship of God**

**December 22, 2019**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 AM Worship Service**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**
*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: We gather in preparation.

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation.

People: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

Leader: With preparation and in expectation, let us worship God!

**OPENING VOLUNARY**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” arr. Ron Mallory

Hallelujah Ringers

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

**(Responsive)**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Stephanie Carson, Annual Garage Sale

*DOXOLOGY*

**OPENING VOLUNARY**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**A TIME OF SILENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Prayer of Confession*

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever,

we may have a fresh resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory.

For not facing our sins,

for not searching our hearts,

we sadly confess having done so little with so much.

While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever,

we may have a fresh resolve to live to the praise of Christ’s glory.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 1:18

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.


(Serving is by intinction. Come by the center aisle to one of the four stations, take a piece of bread and dip it lightly in the cup. Return to your seat by the side aisles.)

**ANTHEM**

“Be Ye Joyful, Earth and Sky” Bohemian folk tune