CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

530 Tuscarawas Street West, Canton, Ohio 44702

December 22, 2024

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2024 — Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon.

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary — Two Settings of Forest Green — Paul Manz & Robert Hobby

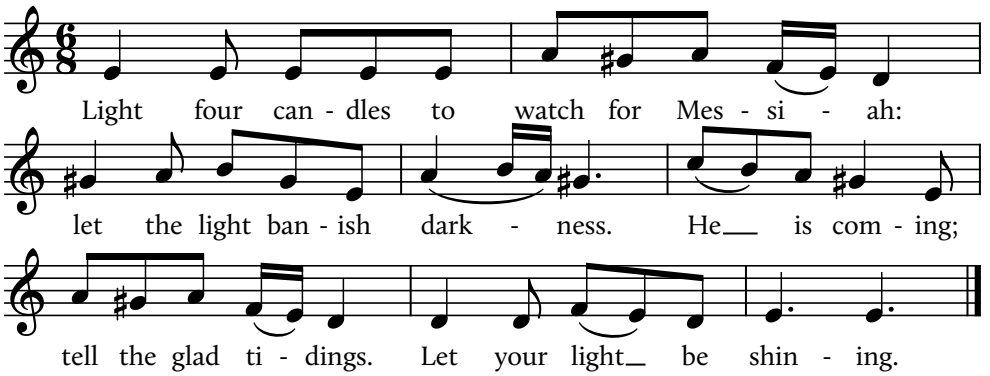
Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.
People: He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
Leader: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.
People: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.
Holy is God's name!

***Hymn 104** — "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" — Valet Will / Ich dir Geben

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Amanda, Nicholas, Mackenzie, Spencer, and Eloise Upp

Call to Confession

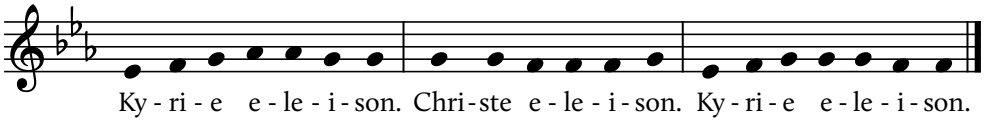
In the world, and in this season, there are many claims on our lives.
We take this time to remember that in our baptism,
Christ claimed us as his own.
We acknowledge before God and one another
that we have not followed Jesus Christ
with all our heart and mind and strength.
Trusting in God's grace, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy.
Though we have heard Mary's song,
we still seek security in pride and power and possessions.
Though we know your story,
we resist the costs of following you.
We pass by those considered lowly in this world.
We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled.

prayer continues on the next page

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend.
Make us messengers of the peace you bring.
As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

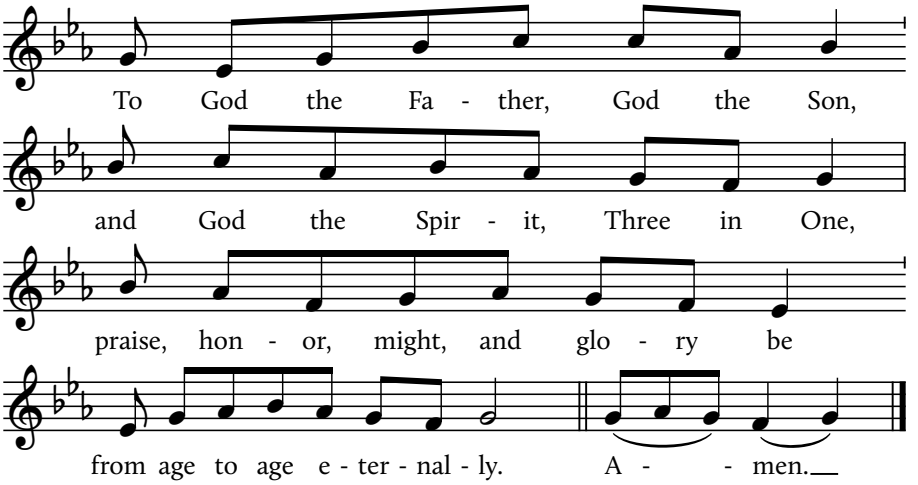
Kyrie

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, God is for us and not against us.
For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world—
not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

***Gloria: Hymn 84, vs. 4** CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



Children are now invited to come forward

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the children's sermon, children ages 3 through fifth grade are invited to follow the teachers out for Kids' Church.

Leader: Now let us bless each other.
Adults: God be with you as you go.
Children: God be with you as you stay.

Prayer for Illumination

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry,
by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning
the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"King David Commits Sins"* 2 Sam 11:1–15, 26–27
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 248
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 352–53

***Hymn 109** "Blest Be the God of Israel" MERLE'S TUNE

Hebrew Reading *"Nathan Condemns David"* 2 Samuel 12:1–10
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 248–49
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 354

Hymn "In Matthew's Gospel There Are Five" FAITH-MOTHERS
please stay seated and see insert

Sermon "Mother Bathsheba" Rev. Benjamin George

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem "O Thou, That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" G.F Handel
Sarah Pozderac-Chenevey, alto

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain.
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
lift up thy voice with strength, be not afraid;
say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
arise, shine; for thy light is come
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee!

***Doxology: Hymn 654** IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
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***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**

You deliver us, O God, from exile, separation, and despair
into communion with each other, with you,
and with your good news.
We thank you for all that draws us close together,
astounding us with lives transformed by gratitude.
Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude
for what you give us every day
and as honor to your presence in our world;
for the sake of those who stand in need
and Jesus Christ, who saves us. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn** "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" FOREST GREEN
please see insert

***Benediction**
***Response** "O Come, Desire of Nations" VENI EMMANUEL

Voluntary Carillon on a Ukrainian Carol Gerald Near

Daily Grace

Using the liturgy from this Sunday's Order of Worship,
we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week.
We worship together...separately.

Scripture Readings: Worship texts for December 29, 2024

Mon: 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26	Thurs: Luke 2:41–52
Tues: Psalm 148	Fri: 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26
Wed: Colossians 3:12–17	Sat: Psalm 148

Preparing for Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Consider: Isaiah names the one who will come to rule: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Do these names for God, made known in Jesus Christ, describe your own experience of God? Is there a particular time when God seemed especially near to you as one of these names? This Christmas Eve, as you reflect on the circumstances in the world, which name for God would you choose to call upon in prayer?

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Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* and *The Book of Common Worship*

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

Activities for the Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:00 AM	Youth Resound Rehearsal (Youth Room)
9:00 AM	Music Time (Children's Wing)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (various locations)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Open Table Small Group (Pine Room)

Tuesday ✢ Christmas Eve • Office Closed

4:00 PM	Children and Family Service (Sanctuary)
9:30 PM	Musical Prelude (Sanctuary)
10:00 PM	Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday ✢ Christmas • Church Closed

Sunday, December 29, 2024

10:30 AM	Combined Worship Service (Sanctuary)

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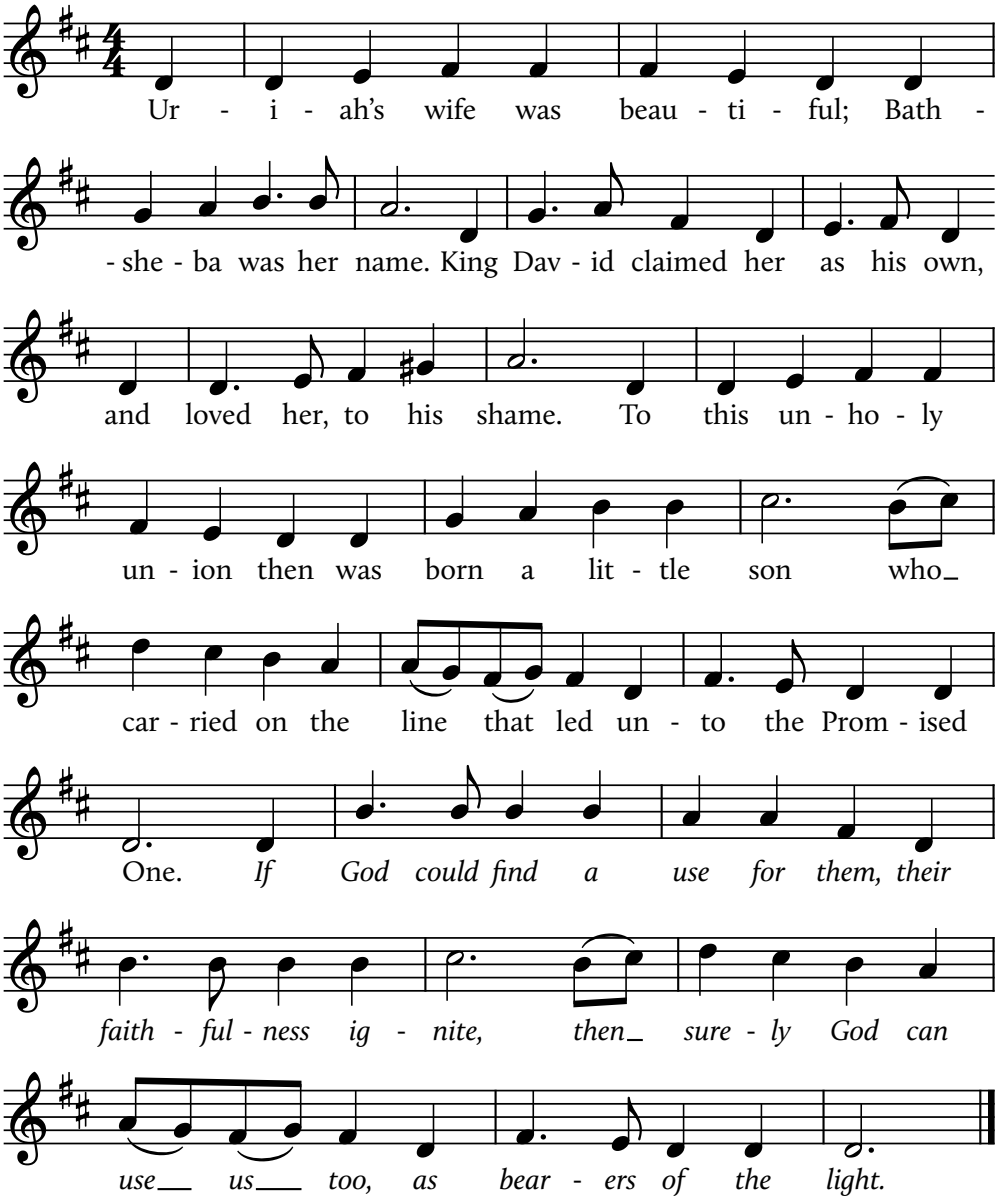
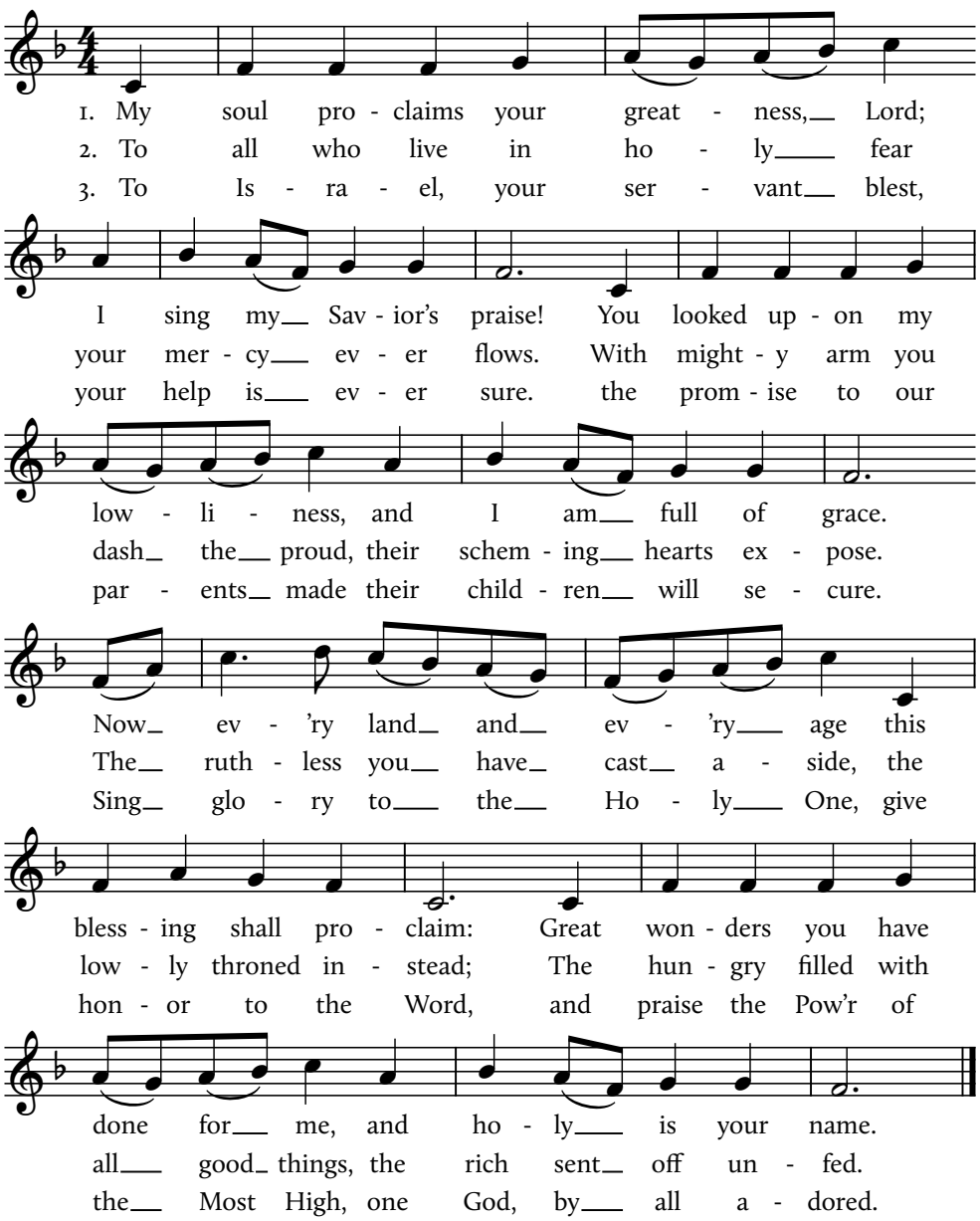
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