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*The chancel flowers on the altar are dedicated to Michael and Sarah Diehl
in celebration of their one-year anniversary.*

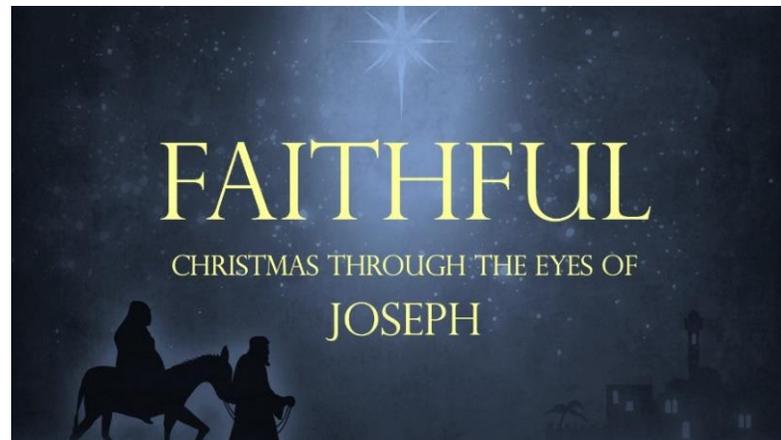
*The poinsettias in the Narthex are given in loving memory of those who died 80 years ago,
December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. Always remember our service men and women who give
their all defending the freedom of the USA. Given by Jim and Lynn Rouse*



STEPHEN
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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



**Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 19, 2021 8:25 am
Daymark Worship**

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Prayer and Praise

We gather in the Lord's name. This time may include informal prayer, singing, testimony, quiet meditation, vocal music, other forms of prayer and praise.

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

Song of Preparation "Unto Us a Child is Born" Terri Boykin

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord who took on flesh and dwelt among us!

Glory to God in the highest! Let all flesh praise the Lord, Emmanuel!

*Hymn UMH #230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

God of Mary and Joseph, how grateful we are that you used a carpenter from Bethlehem and a young unassuming woman from Nazareth to help bring salvation to the world. Just as they took a reluctant journey to Bethlehem to make your miracle possible, give us strength to walk in your ways despite our fears and misgivings. Forgive us when we allow circumstances to stop us from taking the next faithful step. Remind us of your presence as we continue our journeys in life, particularly the ones we don't want to take. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Son of David, our Bright and Morning Star. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus. God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Let our souls rejoice in God! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

*The Peace

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us now show one another signs of reconciliation and love. (*Wave to one another and remain in seats*)

Light the Advent Candle TFWS #2090 (Verse four only) The Scott Family

First Scripture Lesson Ruth 1:16-22

Open Altar, Open Heart (*As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor*).

Call to Prayer "Call Now, Prince of Peace"

Pastoral Prayer

Children ages 0-6 may go to the lower level of Bldg. 3 for Nursery & Wiggler Worship. All are welcome for drop off; adult volunteers are ready to receive them at this time.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-5

Special Music "Sing We Now of Christmas"

Sermon "The Journey to Bethlehem" Pastor Kevin

The Nicene Creed UMH #880

Gloria Patri UMH #71

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "One Holy Night in Bethlehem"

*Doxology UMH #94

*Hymn UMH #218 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude "I Heard the Bells" Terry Boykin

* Please stand if you are able.

COVID-19 Protocol Update

In an abundance of caution, we continue to recommend using masks when in crowds and when working directly with unvaccinated children and youth. Let's continue to show neighborly love and patience as we do all we can to welcome and protect the most vulnerable.