



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Burns Memorial

United Methodist Church

December 19th, 2021

*The livestream and video at:
<https://youtu.be/MkVeqP7zCf4>*

Welcoming the Holy Spirit *acolytes*

Processional **Away in the Manger** *Barbara Shaw*

Greeting and Welcome

*** Call To Worship and Fourth Advent Candle**

One: We come and seek to gather with the Lord.

All: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

One: As we light the Advent Candles, we hear from Paul as he wrote to the church in Rome:

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God . . . ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now . . . while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

All: Our anticipation grows Lord, help us maintain patience amidst our hope.

* Hymn **The First Noel (vs. 1,3,5)** *Hymnal #245*

Scripture **Genesis 17:15-19** *Pew Bible O.T. # 13*
Judges 13:2-5a, 24 *Pew Bible O.T. # 221*
1 Samuel 1 various *Pew Bible O.T. # 233*
Luke 1 various *Pew Bible N.T. # 52*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

New Members Larry & Ruella Kontour *Insert*

Special Music Earth Has Many a Noble City *Ensemble*

Prayer Time - Gathering Prayers & Concerns *Pastor Peter*

Unison Prayer

One: Glory Be to God in the highest.

All: Lord God, help us be drawn into the celebration of this season, feeling the love You share with us, and sharing that same love with all we meet. Warm our hearts with the images of the manger. Show us how to be the midwives of Christ to our world.

One: Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

All: Glory to God in the Highest Heaven.

Silent Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Offering **When Christmas Morn is Dawning** Mike Sumrall
Diana Hunt

* Scripture **Luke 1:46b-55** *(Pew Bible N.T. #53)*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God.

* Hymn **Sing We Now of Christmas** *Hymnal #237*

Sermon **Visitation** *Rev. Peter Freytag*

* Hymn **What Child is this?** *Hymnal #219*

* Benediction *Pastor Peter*

Recessional **The Birthday of A King** **Barbara Shaw**

** (Please stand if you are able)*

This Week's Calendar:

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21 – Church Conference via Zoom 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22 - Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24 – *Christmas Eve Services 7:00 p.m.*

Next Sunday, December 26

11:00 a.m. English & Tongan Worship Service

Prayer Requests:

- Tim Collins healing
- Blake family recovering.
- Rich Stevens in ICU recovering from blood clots from Covid.
- Our Neighbors in Kentucky.
- Don Boylls recovering
- Stella Marker

Advent Candle by the Larry & Ruella Kontour

Hymn Leader: Mike Sumrall

Liturgist: Sandy Tinney

Senior Pastor: Peter Freytag

Tongan Pastor: Atonio Toluta'u

Office Manager: Paea Kelemeni

Childcare: Stephanie Iverson

Ad Council Chair: Mike Sumrall

Lay Delegate: Melba Taylor

Lay Leader: Mark Dockter

Tongan Lay Leader: Ngalu Kelemeni

Burns Memorial United Methodist Church

Mission Statement: “As Burns Memorial United Methodist Church, we believe that God loves ALL PEOPLE, and as disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to share God’s love through our words and actions.”



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