

**Upcoming Advent Events**

**Dec. 18** ..... Angel Tree Gifts due  
Decorating the Chrison tree  
**Dec. 19** ..... Angel Tree gifts delivered  
**Dec. 21** 10:30am ..... Healing Service  
**Dec. 22** 10:00am .. Greening of the church  
**Dec. 24** 4:30pm .. Christmas Eve Service  
**Dec. 25** ..... NO SERVICES  
**Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 2023** ..... Office closed  
**Jan 1** 10:00am ..... H.E. Rite II

Food Pantry is open each:  
Tuesday & Thursday 9-11am  
Wednesday 9-10:30am

**Financial Status as of  
December 11, 2022**

Contrib. Rec'd this week .... \$5,486  
Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed .....  
..... \$6,313  
Rec'd YTC ..... \$340,905  
Spent YTD ..... \$290,219

If you have questions about your  
pledge or other contributions, call  
Dot Binkley, our bookkeeper,  
at 443-2070 on Monday or  
Thursday mornings.

Remember or honor a  
loved one with a poinsettia  
for Christmas. They are  
only \$20 each. The forms  
are in the Commons. Deadline is today.



The Church office will be  
closed December 25 - January  
2, 2023.

Serving Christmas Eve, December 24

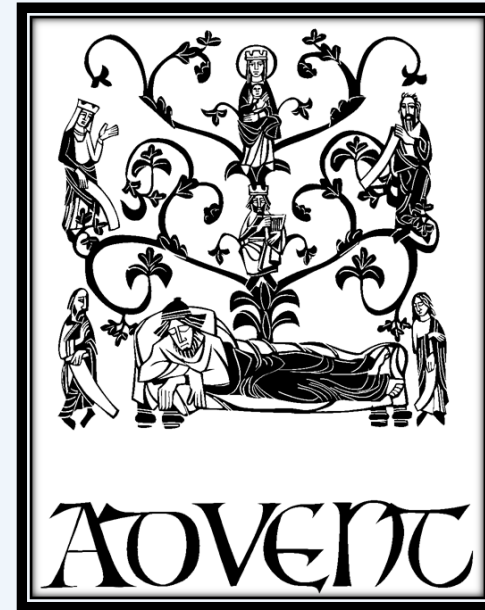
**4:30pm**

**LAY:** ..... Gene Arnold  
**LEM:** ..... Tim Knapp and Ramona Orzell  
**Acolytes:** ..... Landon Newcomb  
**Greeters:** ..... Wes Strandberg and John Tharin  
**Ushers:** ..... Jan Arnold and MH Pridgen  
**Lay Eucharist Ministers:** ..... Martha Gallop  
**Pantry Volunteers:** Gayle High, Linda Hutcheson, Jim and Dotsy Royal

*“For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his  
sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10*

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*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Give us grace . . . that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer...*

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

8:00 AM Rite I

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Sentences p. 323

Collect of the Day *insert*

### The Lessons

First Lesson Isaiah 70:10-16

Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Second Lesson Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

The Homily The Rev. George H. Greer, Jr.

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People p. 329

The Confession p. 331

The Peace

The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I p. 333

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Administration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Post Communion Prayer p. 339

Final Blessing and Dismissal

During the Administration of the Eucharist, all baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacraments.

All persons are welcome to come forward



*The greenery on the altar*

*are given to*

*the Glory of God*

*by Jim and Dotsy Royal*

*In celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary*

*And in thanksgiving for all their many blessings.*

## *Going Deeper Into the Season of Advent*

In her singing, Mary becomes the premier disciple, a model for us all. She is the very first to hear the announcement that God is with us and the very first to believe. As Martin Luther once said in a Christmas sermon, three miracles occurred at Christ's nativity: God became human, a virgin conceived, and Mary believed. For Luther, the greatest miracle that first Christmas was the last. Mary believed. Despite all the oppression, closed doors, brick walls, blind alleys, and dark, silent, death, Mary believed. And because she believed, she sang!

## *Prayer Requests*

Ron	Faye	Luke	Donavan
Allen	Faith	Brad	Alan D.
Elsie	Ann	Rita	Ray
Steve	DeBorah	Angie	The Ukrainian
Bill	Doreen	Logan	People

**Serving in our Armed Forces:** Sean, Veronica H., Jericca S., Matt K., Eric O., Fletcher, Jonathan K., Will M., Rodney M., Jeffery B. and for all Veterans of the United States.

**For those who have died:** Jean Nelson