

December 22, 2024

COME, BE FED, BE SENT  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER**

Minute for Missions

New Hope Opportunities Ministry  
Janet VanFleet

**GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING WORSHIP**

Hymn #92

*While We Are Waiting, Come*, vs 1  
Candle Lighting - The Wallschlaeger Family  
*While We Are Waiting, Come*, vs 2-3  
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Hymn #123

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, You paint pictures of what could be, but we declare those visions impossible. You speak of the lion lying down with the lamb, but we spout skepticism and uncertainty. You dream of a more just day, but we poke holes in the plan, unable to fathom that horizon. Forgive us for losing sight of hope. Forgive us for assuming that what we see is all there is. Open up our hearts to see the world as you see it. Open up our hearts to risk hope, to dream dreams, and to not be afraid of either. With gratitude we pray, amen.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Choral Anthem  
Children's Message  
Scripture  
Message

*The Yearning*  
What's in a Name?  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Hope is Worth the Risk  
Rev. Dr. Chris Montovino

**WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer  
Offering/Doxology/Prayer of Dedication  
Special Music

*Joseph's Lullaby*

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

Closing Song Hymn #145

*What Child is This*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

December 24 at 7:00pm. Join us as we celebrate our Lord's birth.

**Christmas Eve Offering**

Each year we take an offering to benefit a local need or international humanitarian crisis. 100% of these proceeds go to the initiative chosen by Session. Once again our attention is focused on New Hope Opportunities School in San Pedro Sula Honduras and the devastation their community experienced from recent hurricanes and flooding. Many of New Hope's families live in the poorest and most vulnerable areas that have been flooded out. Our gifts will help New Hope minister to the families in this time of need. Thank you for giving generously on Christmas Eve or online. You can write "New Hope" in the memo line of your check.

**Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday school for all ages on Sunday December 29 or January 5. We will resume on January 12, 2025.

**Giving Hands Ministry**

Giving Hands will not meet Thursday, December 26 but will resume meeting on Thursday, January 2nd, 1:30pm-4pm.  
Quilters and yarn crafters. No experience necessary. Contact Mary Oswald or Kay Gibson for more info.

**Bowling Fellowship**

Mondays & Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Meet at Allen Crosley Lanes.  
Contact Bill Gibson for more info.

Our new Advent candle stand was created by The Friends of the Carpenter, a friendship and woodworking day shelter for our houseless friends. We are grateful for their artistry and creativity.

***Deacon of the Month:*** Joan Detrick

