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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

December 22, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“I will guide you along the BEST PATHWAY for your life!” Psalm 32:8

**For your children, activity bags are available in the foyer.
Child care is available during the service.*

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God promised to save God's world.

People: And the people believed.

L: God sent the prophets to remind them of the covenant of trust and love.

P: And the people believed.

L: In the fullness of time, God's promise became incarnate in the life of Mary.

P: And Mary believed.

L: Those who were the least and the lost received good news.

P: And they believed. We are called to open our hearts, spirits, and minds to God's Good News. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

“Joy to the World” *(first verse only)*

UMH # 246

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *(verses 1 and 2)*

UMH # 196

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

Precious Savior, we wait for your Coming. The house has been made ready. The tree is trimmed with beautiful lights and sentimental ornaments. Already there are presents under the tree. The guests have been invited. All of the ingredients for a delightful meal have been purchased. Precious Savior, our hearts are filled to overflowing with love for you and for one another. Come into our waiting hearts that we may celebrate the miraculous day of your birth. Welcome, Lord Jesus, for it is in your name, we pray. Amen.

SHARING GREETINGS

(Please greet one another with signs of Christmas joy and love!)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE four:

The Beckermann Family

Reading

***Congregational Response Carol** “Light the Advent Candle” (Verse 4)
TFWS # 2090

***HYMNS** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (*verses 1 and 2*) UMH # 229
“Away in a Manger” (*verses 1 and 3*) UMH # 217

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Yohan Baek

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Christmas Grace” Choir

***DOXOLOGY** “Gloria, in excelsis Deo” UMH # 238

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 13:5 Liturgist
“I will never leave you or forsake you.”
1 Samuel 12:22
“...the Lord will not abandon His people.”

MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROL Adult Bible Study Group

***HYMN** “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” UMH # 240
(*verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3*)

MESSAGE “You Belong to Me!” Rev. Yohan Baek

Note 1: As the years go by, our earthly relationships change.

A sense of belonging weakens and crumbles.

Note 2: Ephesians 2:19

“You are members of God’s very own family, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Note 3: The church is a family (God’s family).

Note 4: In this church, do you have **a feeling of an extended family?**

Note 5: No home is perfect.

Note 6: Jeremiah 3:12

“You belong to me, so come home.”

Note 7: A scientist, Andrew Newberg of the University of Pennsylvania says,
“The human brain is genetically wired to embrace religious beliefs.”

You can find religion in every single culture, because we all have this human desire to know our creator. We belong to God. At this Christmas, Jesus is coming again, to **love us up close!**

***SENDING HYMN**

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

~Insert

BENEDICTION

Rev. Yohan Baek

**Lord, we wait with hope; we wait with courage; we wait with joy
unspeakable, full of glory; we wait with the assurance that you will
come in power and in peace. Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

“Hallelujah Chorus”

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)

On Christmas Eve, about 70% of Americans will go to church. People want to come to church on Christmas Eve. They are looking for a house of worship. People are actually waiting for someone to ask them to come. What an opportunity for you to reach out and give an invitation to another person!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children’s Ministry and Mother’s Day Out

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children’s Church

Bill & Claudene Griffith, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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