

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024

## WE SET OFF

Prelude J. Burkett  
*“Prelude on ‘Silent Night’”*

Gathering & Announcements

Enter the Light of Christ Acolytes

## LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY

\*Hymn UMH 240  
*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle

[The People read bold print.]

The journey continues, and this candle will help light our way.

**We are on our way to more love.**

So many are in need of grace, in need of loving acceptance...

**We are a people who can bring Good News.**

Stories of generosity are markers and signs that goodness is the nature of God.

**God’s light goes before us; we are not alone.**

\*Hymn UMH 218  
*“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”*  
(Vs. 1 & 3)

\*The Peace Pastor Cheryl

## CHILDREN SHOW US THE WAY

Children’s Message Pastor Cheryl

Hymn “Away in a Manger” UMH 217

Hymn “What Child Is This” UMH 218

## THE PLACE AND ITS MESSAGE

Scripture Reading Carolyn Trezevant

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Message Pastor Cheryl

## Bethlehem: A Place of Love

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Generosity Pastor Cheryl

Offertory H. Schroeder

*“Whence Is This Goodly Fragrance”*

\*Doxology (Tune of “Away in a Manger”)

Praise God for these gifts that we offer today. And bless them for good in the world, this we pray.

Praise Jesus, the Christ- child, our Hope and our

Stay, the Spirit, our Keeper, our Guide on the Way.



## WE SET OFF

### Proclamation for Our Continued Journey

\*Hymn UMH 234

*“O Come All Ye Faithful”*  
(Vs. 1 & 2)

\*Sending Forth Pastor Cheryl

\* Postlude P. Stearns

*“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”*

\* **Stand as you are able**

### Mission of the Month

*The December Mission of the Month is Operacion Abrigo. All dollar bills dropped into the collection plates, or checks with “Operacion Abrigo” in the memo line, will benefit this mission. Scan the QR code to give online and select the Mission of the Month.*



### Worship Leaders

Cheryl Murray Pastor  
Julio Villeda, Music Director  
John Burkett, Organist  
J. M. Dempsey, Sound Tech  
Claire Floyd, Video Tech  
Carolyn Trezevant, Reader

## Upcoming Activities

- Dec. 22 –Angel Tree Party from 3:00-5:00  
Please join us!  
Dec. 23-27 --Little Ark closed  
--Church Office Closed  
Dec. 24 – No Men’s Breakfast Group  
–Christmas Eve Service at 7:00  
Dec. 29 –Doughnuts and such after Service

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| Ministers               | All Members of the Congregation |
| Pastor                  | Rev. Cheryl Murray              |
| Office & Communications | Tricia Dempsey                  |
| Financial Secretary     | Mariann Andrews                 |
| Children’s Director     | Ashlyn Woods                    |
| Youth Director          | Jamie Bourcy                    |
| Little Ark Director     | Jennifer Knight                 |
| Choir Director          | Julio Villeda                   |
| Organist                | Dr. John Burkett                |
| Custodians              | Sandra & Fernanda Medrano       |

## God Answers Prayers

- Our world, country and leaders
- All affected by the war in the Middle East
  - Family of Linda Helton
  - Bill Knutson (hip replacement)
  - Debbie Dunham
  - Manolo Leos, cousin of Debbie and Ruth Warren
  - Rev. Sam Caldwell (hip replacement)
  - Orvis Reynolds
  - Judy Rudoff
  - Diane Garcia
  - Bill Heitholt
  - Nancy Roberts, Mike Roberts’ mother
  - Danny Duncan
  - Mike Smith
  - Betty Martin
  - Anna Blohm
  - Rose Stapleton
  - Carlos Rickman
  - Jack Kelly, Jill Grove’s father
  - Jack Gray
  - Richard Young
  - Rev. Dennis Wilkinson
  - Manuel Harrison
  - Georgia Gholston
  - Melanie & Judy Cortea
  - Brenda Mosley Longhoffer
  - Robert Seay
  - Rita Thompson



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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10:00 am. Sanctuary

