



4th Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing Joy)

The United Methodist Church of Chugiak

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

December 22, 2019

As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.

* - Indicates those who are able may stand

Bold – Everyone speaks

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

Terri Schimmack

Prayer of Safety

Chuck Foster

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.

*Gathering Song

UMH #214

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Gathering in God's Name

Lighting the Advent Candle—Joy

UMH #246

"Joy to the World"

***Call to Worship**

One: God-with-us, Emmanuel, comes to give us our own Holy Family, here with the body of Christ this day. Rejoice and be glad!

Many: Amen!

Call to Confession

Assured that God hears our repentance, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to your way. Restore us, O lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

Moment of Stillness and Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: "You are called to belong to Jesus Christ." For the sake of the One God promised to send, named as God's son, who died, was raised, and through whom we receive grace, God forgives you all your sins. You are God's beloved, called to be saints. Grace to you and peace.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer

Eternal God of power and grace, who comes to us in surprising ways - in angel appearances, in defeat of enemies, and in resurrection from the dead - show us the face of Emmanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.

*If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying,
"God, to your love..."*

If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."

*Then the people shall respond each time by saying:
"...we trust this prayer."*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Praise and Preparation

"Advent Jubilate"

Choir

First Reading from the Word

Revelation 1:4-8

***Responsorial Hymn**

Doxology

UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Proclamation of God's Word

***Prayer of Illumination**

As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary, the mother of our Lord, speak to us now through your Word that by hearing we too may receive faith and be strengthened to do your will. Amen.

***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 11:25-30

Especially for Children

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Responding to God's Word

Response in Praise and Offering

UMH #206

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)

If you are visiting for the first time, your presence is gift enough. We would love to see you again next Sunday!

***Presentation of the Gifts**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion**

UMH #13

***Hymn of Reflection**

UMH #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

***Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

***Charge and Blessing**

One: Be patient, beloved ones, and let your hearts be strong, for the coming of the Lord is near. Bless the Lord with all your soul, and may the blessing of God be with you.

Many: Amen

***Benediction (Beam Song)**

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

And also with you.

****Communion Note**

We also have a separate gluten-free bread and chalice available for those who cannot have gluten. Please ask the servers for "gluten-free".