



## **4th Sunday of Advent**

Color: Blue (symbolizing Hope)

### **The United Methodist Church of Chugiak**

Pastor: Rev. Timothy McConville

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10 am Worship Service

December 23, 2018

*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)*

### **Inspiration**

“He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being. Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the midst of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter ...”

*God Came Near* by Max Lucado

### **Words of Welcome**

### **Greeting**

### **Prelude**

Terri Schimmack

## **Prayer of Safety**

Jessica Prophitt

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.**

## **\*Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

**People: We trust the Lord with our past, present and future.**

Leader: Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

**People: Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

**People: Together, let us worship God!**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

UMH #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

## **Call to Prayer**

### **Unison Prayer of Invocation**

**We welcome you, precious Jesus, to our worship this morning. All that we do and say in this space we dedicate to your glory and honor. Our desire is to lift high your name, to praise you, to proclaim your kingdom and to be renewed again as your people. To you be blessing and majesty and power, wisdom and glory and might, for you alone are worthy to receive our worship. Holy is the Lamb, God's Son and Word Incarnate, now and forevermore. Amen!**

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Words of Assurance**

### **Response and Call to Prayer**

FWS #2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

## **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.**

### **Anthem**

"Almost There"

Choir

### **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.

### **Offering our Gifts**

*(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)*

*To our first time visitors: As the offering plate is passed, please understand that your presence is the only gift we ask. If you would join us again next Sunday, that would be appreciated even more!*

#### **\*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!

#### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **Reading from the Word**

Listen for the Word of God.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)

Hebrews 10:5-10

\*Luke 1:39-45

## **Thanksgiving for the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Message**

Rev. Tim McConville

### **\*Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH #238

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

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

Extinguishing the altar candles

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Benediction Response** (*words on the overhead beams*)

### **\*Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

**And also with you.**

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## **Scriptures for next Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52