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4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

10:45 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

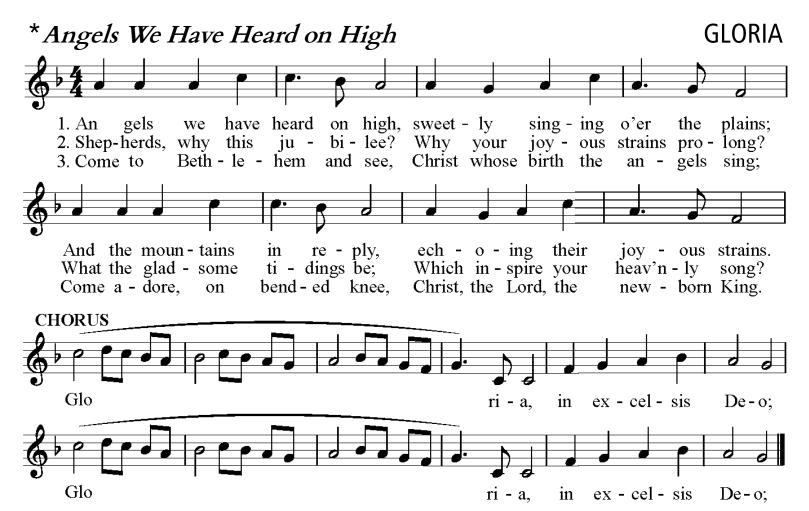
Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Josh McDonald

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



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^{*}Please stand if it is comfortable to do so

*RESPONSIVE READING

Josh McDonald

We sing of God's mercy and grace shown to all generations.

We praise God's constant and never-ending love and faithfulness.

We rejoice that God's promise of an anointed one—the Messiah—is about to be fulfilled.

O come, O come, Emmanuel—God with us—forever!

SCRIPTURE READING

Lenny and Suzanne Bates

1 John 4:7-10

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF LOVE

LITANY OF LOVE

In this season, we remember Christ's first Advent and anticipate his second.

We wait and we long for you, O God.

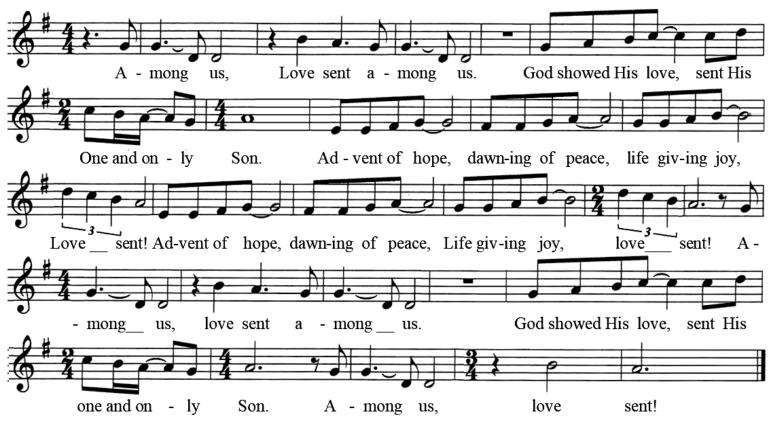
Today we light this candle believing the King of love will come, the gift of God's own Son.

We wait and we long for you, O God.

Even so, the night is dark and our waiting seems endless.

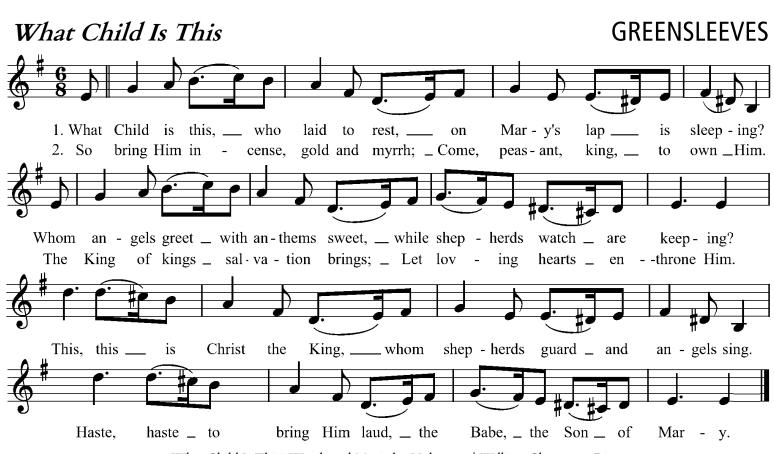
This is how God showed his love...

Among Us AMONG US



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CHILDREN'S TIME (10:45)

Charles Johnson

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time, ages 4-5 are invited to Preschool Praise, room #102 of the Children's Wing.

*GOSPEL READING

Lucy Landusky

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; ⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!



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Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community, or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward during the hymn and share this decision with a minister.



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THE MORNING OFFERING

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bobby Ebeling

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night Marilyn Arland arranged by Fred Bock & Larry Landusky

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.

*Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

BAUGH

Hope, peace, joy and love!
These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be
Light of Your love reflected in me.

This Week at 2B

SUNDAY, Dec. 24

Coffee Duty - Prodigal

10:45a: Combined Worship

5:00p: Christmas Eve Carols, Candles, and

Communion

6:00p: Second Chance Al-Anon

MONDAY, Dec. 25 - WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27

Church & Building Closed for Christmas

THURSDAY, Dec. 28 & FRIDAY, Dec. 29

Church Office Open

SUNDAY, Dec. 31

Coffee Duty - Pyrexia

9:30a: All Church Sunday Brunch

No Children's Programming

10:45a: Combined Worship and

Guest Artist: Alejandro Castanon

No Wednesday dinner until January

FOR ALL EVENTS & DETAILS HEAD TO SECONDB.ORG

We hold in prayer

Rick Betenbough (Joy Lawson Family), Kathy White, Laura Alwan, Jerry Bailey,
Tom Boren, Melissa Marable, Natalie Marable, Meredith McAlister,
Winne Moore, Michael Personette, Jane Pugh, Lawrence Ramsey,
Dr. Bryan Smitherman, Gale Stocks, Jana Thomas, Debbie Walker, Coby Wilson,
Airman Cory Wimberly, The Holy Land

We Celebrate With

ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

December

27 - Eugene & Margaret Bennett

28 - Jim & Jeannie Hare, Gary & Melanie Davis

29 - James & Barbara Henson

30 - Blake & Misty Rieber

31 - Mark & Claudia Griffin

January

3 - Stanley & Cheryl Carroll

December

24 - Brent Guinn, Jim Bob Darnell

25 - Omega Hughlett, Brenda Campbell, Sandra Rawlings, Alyah Conde, Karen Pierce

26 - Zaden Pair

27 - Natalie Marable

29 - Whitney McBrayer, Nathan White

30 - Ella Sharp, Donna Lewis, Isaac Givens

January

1 - Cheryl Presley, Delaney Zalman

2 - Maisy Dunn

3 - Tana Patterson

6 - Curtis Meeks, Mary Norman

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

Every Member a Minister

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