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**GREETERS**

Outside Greg & Jacqui Pridgeon  
Inside Mark & Suezell Francek

**USHERS**

Debbie Lawrence  
Jenni Snider  
Volunteers Needed

**LITURGIST**

Margie Williams

**COFFEE HOST**

Kendall Farnum

**Next Sunday, December 31, 2017**

**First Sunday after Christmas Day**

Pastor Diane Gordon preaching

Sermon Series: Coming Home  
Sermon Title: Going Home Again

Text: Psalm 148 CEB  
Luke 2:22-40 CEB

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

**Traditional Worship Service:** Tuesday - 7:00 pm,  
Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

**Contemporary Worship Service:**  
Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7:00 pm

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Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2017

*\*Those who are comfortable standing, please stand.*

**PRELUDE** Love Came Down at Christmas Alice Jordan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please take a moment to sign the welcome pad and pass it to others in the pew.)*

**\*GREETING OUR NEIGHBOR**

**\*OPENING HYMN** Angels from the Realms of Glory No. 220

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Jennifer Lane

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**All (sung): "O come, esire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife.**

Reader 1: "Our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God for God has looked with favor on us, God's servants."

Reader 2: "God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty."

Reader 3: God of Justice, God of Peace, we open our hearts to you. Give us grace to be instruments of your righteousness.

Reader 4: Give us courage to turn away from distractions and distortions and turn toward the home you have made, are making, and will complete through Christ.

**All: We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God." (Isaiah 61:10 NRSV)**

Reader 1: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the morning of Christmas Eve, we light this candle, turning with courage toward the One who makes a home among us.

**All (sung): "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** What Child Is This No. 219

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 1:46-55

**PASTORAL PRAYER** (Ushers will collect your purple prayer requests)

Prayer Song Infant Holy, Infant Lowly No. 229

Prayer

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.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM** Silent, Starry Night arr. Anna Page

Chancel Choir, Anne Jensen, flute

**THE MESSAGE** God Makes This World a Home Pastor Diane Gordon

**A TIME OF OFFERING**

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

O Little Town of Bethlehem Wilbur Held

*(Loose coins will go to the Goodrow Fund)*

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing No. 240

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Petite piece facile sur de Noel provençal Achille Philip

We are glad to be able to worship together today. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space following the service.