

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting Service

Leader: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Everlasting Father.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: During Advent we look to the One who know our deepest thoughts.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: During Advent we look to the One who cares for our deepest needs.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: During Advent we look to the One who knows our most pressing concerns.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Leader: During Advent we look to the One who knows our innermost being.

People: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Author Unknown

Hymn:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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*Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Your word became flesh and you made your dwelling among us

when Jesus was born. You set aside all of the glory and splendor of heaven and chose the most humble way to enter into your kingdom. Beneath the stars, surrounded by all of the hosts of heaven, Love came. Welcomed by an earthly mother and father, shepherds and wise men, Love came.

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Offering of Gifts, Prayers & Tithes

Organ Interlude

“O Holy Night”

Anita Chops

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

God of grace and wonder, we offer these gifts in response to your call. As Mary responded with faith, we too say, "Here we are, let it be to us." Use these offerings to further your kingdom on earth. Empower us to be bearers of Christ's presence, bringing hope and love to our community. May our giving reflect the promise of Emmanuel, God with us, and bring light and joy in this Advent season. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

“Candles & Carols”

By Mark Hayes & Pamela Martin

Presented by the Chancel Choir of Elm Grove United Methodist Church

Prelude: Call to Light

Light of Hope Narrators: Bryan McCullough, Rosella Ealy

Song: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (choir and congregation when words are on the screen).

Light of Peace Narrators: Scott Cundiff, Molly Beresh.

Song: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” (choir and congregation).

Light of Joy Narrators: Wayne McCord, Sandy Loughman

Song: “While By My Sheep” (choir only).

Light of Love Narrators: Alice Runkle, Peggy Laing
Song: “Love Came Down At Christmas” Molly Beresh,
soloist (and choir).

Light of Christ Narrators: Colleen Polley, Rosaleah Brill
Song: “Silent Night! Holy Night” (choir and congregation).

*Benediction:

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Advent journey we acknowledge that very little in our world stays the same. Thank you for being our Everlasting Father, who stays the same. Thank you for being our Everlasting Father who is eternally present with us. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

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*Thanks to all of the choir members, and Scott Beresh for operating the media for us. And for their excellent presentation of this beautiful cantata.
Sopranos: Molly Beresh, Alice Runkle, Rosela Ealy, Rosealeah Brill, Colleen Polley, Sharon Cundiff.*

Altos: Sandy Loughman, Peggy Laing.

Tenors: Brian McCullough, Dave Kuhn, Cole Hall.

Basses: Dave Waddell, Wayne McCord, Scott Cundiff, Gavin Beresh.

*congregational standing, if able.

Bold congregational response.

Monthly Financial Report for November

Income - \$15,789.75

Expenses - \$14,335.21

Balance - \$1,454.54



Calendar of Events December 22 through December 29

Sunday	12/22	Cantata – one service – 10:00am Old Fellowship Hall in use - 7:00pm
Monday	12/23	Nothing Scheduled
Tuesday	12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00pm
Wednesday	12/25	Christmas Day - Closed
Thursday	12/26	Nothing Scheduled
Friday	12/27	Nothing Scheduled
Saturday	12/28	Nothing Scheduled
Sunday	12/29	One Worship service – 10:00am Old Fellowship Hall in use - 7:00pm

MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter

Collecting in December

Hats
Gloves
Mittens
Scarves

Place your donations in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support, so we can support others.

And as always, we gladly accept non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box all year.

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Pastor: Rev. Debra Dague
Choir Director & Organist: Ms. Anita Chops
Administrative Assistant: Terri Helt
Maintenance Supervisor: Ms. Jan Coffey
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