

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GATHERING

(Please take a moment to sign the attendance pad and pass it on to your neighbor)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: UMH #198 *My Soul Give Glory to My God* Southern Folktune

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Cf. Isaiah 9:6-7)

“We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

ADVENT READING Isaiah 9:6-7 Pew Bible page 600

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “THE APOSTLES’ CREED” UMH #881**

***OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH # 240** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Heather Connor

ANTHEM 8:30 *Who Would Send a Baby?* Beal
Lessie Polk, Soloist

11:00 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Running
LUMC Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER CONCERNS

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

OFFERTORY: UMH #209 *Bless Be the God of Israel* H.H. Hopson

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH #95

***HYMN OF PRAISE UMH # 218** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

***A LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT** *Matthew 1:18-25* page 1

*GLORIA PATRI #71

WITNESS TO THE WORD “In the Wilderness, Part IV” Rev. Mack McDowell

***CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE UMH #219** *What Child is This?*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE: UMH #200 *Tell Out My Soul* W. Greaterox

***Please stand as you are able.**