

## Weekly Calendar

- Today:** Worship, 9:30 am  
Children's Sunday school, 9:45 am
- Monday** Dec.20<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 7 pm  
Chapter 4
- Tuesday:** Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Adult Bible Study, 1pm  
concludes today Chapter 4
- UMW, 3pm at Rose Park's home
- Wednesday:** Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Trustees meeting 7 pm
- Friday:** Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
7pm
- Next Sunday:** Worship, 9:30am

"Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph", our Advent Bible Study series, concludes this Tuesday.

***Come and Worship Christ, the newborn king, with us this Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas Eve Service will feature seasonal music beginning at 7:00 pm, highlighted by organ medley of Christmas works featuring the talents of Caroline Rublein, starting at 7:15 pm. Our worship will follow beginning at 7:30 pm.***

### ***Don't Forget the Eggnog***

*Head out to Meyer Dairy and pick up your holiday eggnog. While you are there, visit the amazing HIS volunteers and donate to our 2021 Wishing Well Campaign! Or donate directly to Interfaith Human Services online to support HIS programs to help families and individuals obtain financial security. Total donations so far are \$30,596 as we aim for last year's goal of \$40,000.*

## Park Forest Village United Methodist Church

*Welcome to Worship!*

Sunday, December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Lovely Blessing of Home  
9:30 am

Caroline Rublein, Organist



***Our Mission is to provide a place for worship,  
Fellowship and mission outreach.***

***For pastoral care contact Pastor Gregg at [gkohlhepp@susumc.org](mailto:gkohlhepp@susumc.org)  
or 814-404-0701***

**\*\*Denotes Standing**

Gathering to Worship God

Prelude: Still, Still, Still (Dan Edwards)

**\*\*The Call to Worship**

Can you feel something powerful at work in the world?

**We can catch glimpses here and there.**

We need to look beyond the hustle and bustle of Christmas to see what's coming.

**Faithful women giving birth to a promise;  
a babe who will transform the world.**

We believe in the fulfillment of what was spoken and promised by God.

**Come, let us worship – loving God, our savior.**

**\*\* The Opening Hymn** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear #218

**\*\* Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, your prophet Micah foretold with faith that a new ruler would come forth from Bethlehem – today, we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise. Your daughter Elizabeth proclaimed with faith that her cousin was to be the mother of her Lord – today, we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise. Your servant Mary proclaimed with faith that she would be called blessed by all generations – today, we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise. Make us bold enough to proclaim with faith – the coming of your kingdom, the coming of your peace, the coming of your love. May we sing the good news of your salvation – trusting in the fulfillment of your promises. In the name of the One who comes. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Children's Message

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacredness of Offering and Reflection

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hugh Livingston)

Doxology

In the Bleak of Midwinter (verse 4) #221

**What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;**

**Yet what can I give him: give my heart.**

**\*\* Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\* Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed #881

**\*\* The Hymn of Preparation** O Little Town of Bethlehem #230

Scripture Readings

Micah 5: 3-5a (OT) p 1059

Luke 1: 39-55 (NT) p 69

The Message Hail Mary (or "It's a Small World")

Response to the Word

Mary, did you know that your baby boy

**Will give sight to a blind man?**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy

**Would calm a storm with His hand?**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy

**Would one day walk on water?**

Mary, did you know that your baby boy

**Would save our sons and daughters?**

**(Words by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene)**

**\*\* The Hymn of Dedication** Angels from the Realms of Glory #220

**\*\* The Benediction**

**\*\* Choral Response** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196  
Verse 1

**\*\* The Postlude** Angels We Have Heard on High (Mary McDonald)

*Please join us in the Prism for fellowship & refreshments*