

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



December 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome
Announcements

Gathering Words

With origins deep in the past, comes a child about to be born, the source of true security— whose greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth, bringing peace.

Prelude

Anita Chops

Advent Candle Lighting

Hymn

“Christ, Be Our Light!”

on screen

Litany

Leader: Advent is a time to bind up the broken hearted.

***All:* Come, LORD, and make all things new.**

Leader: For the past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

***All:* Come, LORD, and make all things new.**

Leader: For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

***All:* Come, LORD, and make all things new.**

Leader: For relationships left in decay and neglect:

***All:* Come, LORD, and make all things new.**

Leader: For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

**All: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act,
and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

Lighting the 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th candles of Advent

Congregation Sings (on screen)

*Hymn

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH #230

*Opening Prayer

**God of endless peace, bless us with the great light of your love and grace.
Grant us your peace and hope, as we sing of your glory and rejoice in the birth of your Son.
In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD’S Prayer

UMH #895

**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.**

Baptism

Grayson Scott Beresh
Parents: Hayden & Savannah Beresh

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

“Silent Night”
Chancel Choir

by Gruber & Parks

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

TFWS #2195

*Prayer of Dedication

God of blessing, you come to us in the gift of a child.

God of peace, you offer us good news of great joy.

We have heard the word; we have felt the joy.

As we bring our gifts of praise and thanksgiving, we join with all creation in joyous wonder.

Amen.

*Hymn

“What Child Is This”

UMH #219

Dismissal for Children’s Church (ages infant to 5th grade)

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

Message

“A Baby Changes Everything”

Rev. Debra Dague

Communion (*see insert/screen*)

*Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

UMH #238

*Benediction

Merciful God, Advent reminds us that you left heaven’s majesty to walk among wounded people in a broken world.

We thank you that your love knows no boundaries or limitations.

No wound of this earth is greater than the wounds you came to heal.

For all who suffer this day, light the way, O LORD, towards the promise of healing and wholeness made known in you. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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“Advent Christmas and Epiphany” © 2008

“Christ, Be Our Light!” by Bernadette Farrell and Joel Raney © 2013

December Worship Schedule

24th - 7:00pm Christmas Cantata Service

31st - 10:30am Sunday Worship Service

MISSION OF THE MONTH



House of the Carpenter
And Street Moms



Hats, Scarves & Gloves

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.
Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".

Nancy King is making church t-shirts
again.

If you would like to order a t-shirt,
please sign-up at the Welcome Desk in
the Narthex.



We are still in need of volunteers for
Children's Church/Nursery Care

Please choose a Sunday and sign-up
at the Welcome Desk.

We appreciate your willingness to help grow your church.



Dec. 20 - Jan. 2