



**WHITNEY  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Boise, Idaho**

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**10:00 a.m.**

**December 19, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

\*Invites you to stand as you are able

PRELUDE MUSIC

Svetlana Maddox

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Daryl

CANDLE LIGHTING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenda Berto, Liturgist

Leader: God chose an unexpected village as the birthplace of the Messiah.

**People: Our God is full of surprises!**

Leader: God called an older woman and a young girl to be prophets.

**People: Our God is full of surprises!**

Leader: God calls ordinary people - you and me - to work for justice and healing in our land.

**People: Our God is full of surprises!**

Leader: Come, let us worship our surprising God.

\*OPENING SONG

"Light of the Stable"

Six Ways to Sunday

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In the midst of the bustle, we can lose sight of the quiet star that calls to us.

**All: Help us see the promise of this season.**

One: In the midst of the tasks, we can lose our way to the simple town called Bethlehem, and the story of the season.

**All: Help us journey to the source of this season.**

One: In the midst of the rush, we can lose our compassion

for those who ask if there is any room in our hearts.  
**All: Help us share the love of this season.**

(silence for reflection)

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The good news of this season is that God is with us, now and forever. God's love has always been and always will be there for us.

**All: This is good news indeed!**

#### LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Response: **Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Christmas season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING - Micah 5:2-5a

#### SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 1:39-55

Response: **May the Spirit fill us with wisdom and understanding as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.**

#### SERMON

"Mary's Favorite Christmas Song"  
Pastor Daryl

#### SONG

"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"  
UMH #198

#### PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

#### \*CLOSING SONG

Six Ways to Sunday "What Child Is This"  
UMH #219

#### SENDING FORTH

## **Assisting in Worship Today:**

Liturgist: Glenda Berto

Choir Director: Andy Maddox

Pianist: Svetlana Maddox

Sound: Bert Allen

Usher: Bill Slupe

Visuals: Rich Keefe

Praise Band Director: Kevin Daniel

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19**

- **Christmas Eve Worship - December 24, 4:00 pm**

Join us for a night of wonder and joy as we celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation – of Immanuel, God with us.

- “The Messenger” Christmas skit presented by Whitney children and youth
- Special Music by the Whitney Choir, Svetlana Maddox, Six Ways to Sunday Praise Band, and Andy Maddox
- Pastor Daryl’s Sermon: “The Place Where God Is Born”
- Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

- **UMCOR Assists Tornado Survivors**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of many agencies responding in the aftermath of the devastating storms across Kentucky, Illinois, and other states. You can find out more about the work that UMCOR is doing, and give a donation online by going to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org). You can also contribute to UMCOR by sending a donation through Whitney United Methodist Church. Make your check out to Whitney UMC and mark that it is for UMCOR in the memo line.

- The choir rehearses Wednesday night at 7:00 pm
- **We continue with modified operations following Covid-19 safety protocols.**

- **Ways to Give:** You may: 1) drop your offering in the drop box at an exit door, 2) give by credit card by seeing Johnna, 3) give by mail at our address on the back, 4) donate online at [whitneyumc.org/donate-now](http://whitneyumc.org/donate-now)

## Upcoming Events

- December 21 - Celia Cowan Circle, noon at the church
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship, 4:00 pm
- December 24 - Office closed
- December 25 - Christmas, no Saturday Lunch
- January 1 - New Year's Day, no Saturday Lunch
- January 5 - United Methodist Women, noon at the church
- January 8 - United Methodist Men, 9:00 am at the church
- January 9 - All Church Meeting, more information to come



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