



**WHITNEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Boise, Idaho**

10:00 a.m.

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE MUSIC

Juli Draney

GATHERING SONG & CANDLE LIGHTING
Six Ways to Sunday

“Noel”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Daryl

CHORAL INTROIT

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Charles Owusu-Ansah, liturgist

L: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

P: Thanks be to the God of light.

L: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

P: Thanks be to the God of peace.

L: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

P: Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

*OPENING SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Six Ways to Sunday

FWS #2173

OPENING PRAYER

O God, in this time of worship, may we be open to your promises, your love, and your transformation. May we vision and dream. May we be surprised. May we receive the life you give us. May we encounter Emmanuel—God with us. And may we never be the same. Amen.

SONG

“When God Is a Child”

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Kacey, Zena & Anna
Larracoechea

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.

ANTHEM

“A Star Shone Bright”

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

“Love Incarnate”
Rev. Daryl Blanksma

*HYMN

“Love Has Come”
W&S #3059

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

tune: God Rest You Merry

*OFFERING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN

“What Child Is This”
UMH #219

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Juli Draney

Assisting in Worship Today:

Pianist: Juli Draney

Band Director: Kevin Daniel

Usher: Bill Slupe

Sound: Bert Allen

Nursery: Lorrie Baer

Visuals: Rich Keefe

Liturgist: Charles Owusu-Ansah

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

Christmas Eve Worship - December 24, 4:00 pm

Join us for a night of wonder and joy as we celebrate the good news of Emmanuel, God with us. Pastor Daryl's sermon is: "Christmas Is For You." This service will be live-streamed.

Christmas Day Worship - December 25, 10:00 am

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Our worship will be more informal than usual and includes lots of Christmas Carols. We are giving our tech folks a break and a chance to sit in worship with their families, so the service will not be live-streamed.

Joseph's Closet Holiday Hours

On Sat, December 24, Joseph's Closet will be closed due to the holiday. The following week on December 31, Joseph's Closet will stay open.

Midweek Email

If you don't receive the midweek email and would like to, please contact the office.

Upcoming Events

- December 20 – Celia Cowen Circle, noon
- December 24 – Joseph’s Closet is closed
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship, 4:00 pm
- January 8 – All Church Meeting, following Worship

Weekly Happenings

- Practical Scripture, Sundays at 8:30 am, Room 6
- Children’s Sunday School, during worship every other Sunday: November 27 and December 11
- Bible Study, Sundays 15 mins following worship, Room 6
- Prayer and Share Group, Wednesdays at 1:30 pm, meets via Zoom
- Shawlers meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 2:00 pm at the church
- WEPRAY, Fridays at 11:00 am contact Shelley Cooper for meeting information
- Community Dinner, 3rd Friday at 5:30 pm
- Saturday Lunch, every Saturday, 10:30 am – noon



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