



HEYWARD STREET UMC

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December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Call to Worship

Song *What Child is This?* UMH 219

Lighting of the Advent Candles The Goodale Family
II Samuel 7 Nature Element: Cedar

Refrain *A Candle is Burning* Tune: Away in a Manger
A candle is burning, a candle of LOVE,
A candle to point us to heaven above
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

Scripture Luke 2:1-7 Pew Bible p 58

Sermon Our Wondrous Love Rev. Blom

Song *Mary, Did You Know?* Praise Team

Prayers of the People

Instrumental Music *Silent Night* Eve, Audrey Blom

Words of Institution/Communion

All are welcome at the table. Bring a prayer request card or an offering to place in the plate as you come to receive the bread and juice. Come down the center aisle and return via the side.

Communion Hymn *We Three Kings* Lamonica Hampton

Closing Song *Silent Night* UMH 239

Benediction



Christmas Eve Communion

Drop In from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Please invite friends and family to join you.



Flooring Project Underway

The flooring in our first-floor hallway, preschool classrooms, conference room, and Heyward St. entry is being replaced with high quality, durable flooring. This project is scheduled for December 20 through January 3 and is funded via a grant.

Thank You for your Generous Donations to the Christmas Offering for Epworth Children's Home. Together we donated \$360 to this essential ministry.

Poinsettias Are Ready to Adorn Your Home

For those who sponsored poinsettias, you are encouraged to take them home today. Thank you for making our sanctuary colorful this season!

Our Church Office is closed December 25 – January 2 in observance of the holidays. Any **end of year contributions** may be mailed, given online, or placed in offering plate prior to December 31, 2023.

Advent Devotionals are emailed weekly and are available at church's website.

From *Bless the Advent We Actually Have* by K. Bowler.

