

Traditional Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023 11:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE Callahan
Once in Royal David's City

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please fill out a Connect Card located in the pew pocket or scan the QR code on the bottom right side of this bulletin.)

INTROIT

\*HYMN No. 250
Once in Royal David's City
(Verse 1-2 Choir only, 3-4 All)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (please join by reading the bold text)

The time is almost here.
All creation holds its breath.
The long journey to Bethlehem has begun.
The travelers are weary.
The inns are getting full and crowded.
There are still things to do.
And still: the grace of God takes on human form.
Even now: the good news of God's presence unfolds.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE APOSTLES CREED)
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

\*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP
Let no one be a stranger in the house of God.
Please take this opportunity to greet those around you.

\*HYMN No. 229
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (verse 1)

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: PEACE
We value the gift of generations, so all kids are invited to grab a worship bag (or coloring supplies) and remain in the sanctuary for worship. The nursery is open and available for kids 4 years old and younger.

ANTHEM Edwards
Bells Ringing, Angels Singing
Chancel Ringers

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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.

OFFERTORY Rutter
Rejoice and Be Merry
Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*HYMN OF ILLUMINATION No. 221
In the Bleak Midwinter

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-5

SERMON Rev. Emily Knight
"Present through the Journey"

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION No. 209
Blessed Be the God of Israel

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Callahan
Ding! Dong! Merrily on High

Worship Attendance - December 17, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Activity, Attendance. Rows: CANTATA WORSHIP - In Person (282), CANTATA WORSHIP - Online (67), Total Worship (349).

Serving in Worship Today

9 a.m. Contemporary Service

Greeters: Tami & Kevin Crowell, Rick Bible
Tech Team: Britt Scott
Liturgist: JoAnn Goodwin

11 a.m. Traditional Service

Greeters: Emily Rehberg, Harriet Thurgood, Julianne Kirchain
Tech Team: Eden Santa Lucia, Ava Manalo
Ushers: Shirley Davis, Jesse Manalo
Liturgists: Chris Western
Crucifer: Olivia Take
Acolytes: Jake Manalo, Lilah Manalo

What's Happening This Week?

TODAY:

Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship: 4:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Traditional Worship: 7:00 p.m.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Church Office will be closed Monday & Tuesday.
Wednesday Night Ministry: Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Free Wednesday Meals Served: 180

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## CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

9:00 a.m.

### Gather with Song

*Christmas Is Coming* - CAIN

### Welcome! Greet one another in Christ!

*The Weary World Rejoices* - Millie Hudson

### Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a

*Sing We The Song of Emmanuel* - Stuart Townend

### Children's Message

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### Announcements

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### Offer Gifts to God

*Fear Not Mary* - Point of Grace

### Proclaim Word

Luke 2:1-5

Rev. Emily Knight

### Benediction and Sending

*Glorious* - We The Kingdom

Offerings can be placed in the sanctuary offering plates, mailed to the church (819 Park St. Jacksonville, FL 32204) or given online using "MyWell" (code to the right): [www.mywell.org/give/rpumc](http://www.mywell.org/give/rpumc)



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2023  
4:30 CONTEMPORARY  
7:00 TRADITIONAL

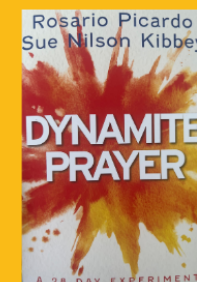
*Communion & Candlelight*

Worship Time Change for 12/31

✧ WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE ✧  
• Sunday, December 31st ✧  
—ONE combined service—  
• @10:30AM •



Sign up now  
for a January  
prayer experiment



## FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Friday, January 5th at 11:00 a.m.  
followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Save the date:  
Family Ministry Mini-Retreat  
Saturday: Jan 6, 2024



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