

Lord's Day Worship

4th Sunday in Advent December 23, 2018

* (asterisk) indicates "Please stand as you are able."

PRAISE

Call to Worship

*Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Prayer of Adoration & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Doxology *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Silent Praise & Thanksgiving

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Almighty Father, we come today as your children, precious in your sight, and as weak sinners in need of your forgiveness and grace. We live forgetful of your promises, relying on ourselves instead of you. We know your ways, and how short we fall. We are full of fear and dejected with disappointment in ourselves. Lord, thank you that your mercy is more than a match for all our sins of self-hatred and self-righteousness. We thank you for sending your Son to walk this world with us. With great love and trust in your promises, he took all the blame for our disobedience. Thank you for such a precious redeemer and friend.
(silent prayer)

Words of Encouragement

Prayers of the People

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Ronk Family

Announcements

COMMITMENT

Offering

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5a

*Song *Emanuel, Emanuel*

New Testament Reading Luke 1:39-45

Sermon "Why Is This Granted to Me?"

Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (c. 3rd century A.D.)
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; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Benediction & Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Glory to God!

“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

Phil's DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/christpresboise> or on the pastor's blog of the church webpage.

DEC. 24. CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP.

Pick up an invitation card in the foyer to give to your friends.

Time: 500 pm.

Where: Marriott's Courtyard at 5:00 pm.

1789 S. Eagle Rd, Meridian

(take Eagle Rd south; the first street south of Overland Road is Tarpon - turn right onto Tarpon Road to get into the Courtyard's parking lot).

Note: No nursery care provided that evening.

2019 TRIP TO GUATAMALA. Interested in going? Call Mission Elder Mike McLain -he would love to chat with you! 208-724-7814.

END OF YEAR GIVING. Your 2018 giving statement sent out by the church will include donations actually received during through the worship service of Dec. 30, or mailed to the office with a postmark no later than Dec. 31, 2018 (per IRS regulations). *Thanks!*

PRAYERS & PRAISES

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OUR CHURCH MISSIONARIES. Shirley Killosky in Papua New Guinea, unnamed others in sensitive areas of N. Africa (2), and Asia (4).



December 23, 2018 | Pastor Phil Moran
“Why Is This Granted to Me?”
Luke 1:39-45

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