

## I Do Believe

I believe in God whose light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never smother it.

I believe that on a night in Bethlehem there was  
born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

I believe in the Word who has become incarnate,  
our very flesh and blood, yet full of grace and truth.

I believe in the blessed appearing of the salvation  
of our God, that is for the happiness of all people.

Amen.

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*Curlew United Methodist Church*

*December 24, 2023*

*10:30 AM*

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP - Fourth Sunday of Advent

All are welcome as we come together to worship in the House of the Lord.

Organ Selections Linda Wells

Announcements

\*Greeting and Sharing the Peace

\*Opening Hymn "Away In A Manger" UMH 217

Advent Candle Lighting - **LOVE**

Choral Response "Light the Advent Candle"

Opening Prayer

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prelude

\*Call to Worship Helen Hershman

Leader: In the quiet of the night a woman gives birth accepting God's charge upon her.

**People: In the quiet of the night a husband becomes a father accepting God's charge upon him.**

Leader: In the quiet of the night a baby breathes the air,

**People: His personal act of sacrifice begins.**

**All: God steps out of the divine into the living world for us.**

\*Affirmation of Faith I Do Believe (Back of Bulletin)

\*The Gloria Patri

Prayers and Praises Helen Hershman

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Rachel Hughes

Tithes and Offerings  
\*The Doxology

UMH 95

Special Music

Scripture **Luke 2: 25-35** Helen Hershman

The Message "The Cradle and The Cross" Pastor Rachel Hughes

Advent Candle Lighting - **Christ Candle**

\*Closing Hymn "Silent Night" UMH 246

## WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS

\*Benediction Pastor Rachel Hughes


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Pastor Rev. Rachel Hughes  
Director of Music Ministries Ben Winkler

**\*Stand if you are able**

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***Praise Band, "The Relics"***  
***Guitar: Pastor Rachel Hughes***  
***Keyboard: Linda Wells, Piano: Ben Winkler***

<b>Birthday:</b>		
David Jones	December 30th	
<b>Anniversary:</b>		
David & Lila Jones	December 31st	



Prayers for Healing, Prayers for Traveling Mercies, Prayers because you are loved.

Pastor Rachel & Family, the Aguinaga Family, Walt Anderson, Denise Claudette, Paul, Tom, Mike, Natalie Dodge, Kim, Sandy Fika, Anthony Akapo, Marilyn and Max, Dorothy, Emily & Avery, Pam & Pete Dane, Nancy Kirk, Prayers for Our Military, the Curlew Church Family, The United Methodist Church, Our Country