

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

Advent Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, whose light shines in the darkness,
and that the darkness can never overcome it.
We believe that one extraordinary night in Bethlehem
there was born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Born of a virgin, the revelation of prophecy.
We believe in the Word made incarnate, full of grace
and truth, who came to make His home among us,
save all peoples of the world from their sins and
reveal the Kingdom of God with justice, mercy,
and righteousness.
We believe His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and that His
kingdom will never end. And that one day every knee
will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
This we believe. Amen.

Praise Band, The Relics:

*Pastor Rachel Hughes, guitar; Paul Kluga, Guitar, vocals;
Katie Rowe-Ventrucci, vocals; Linda Wells, keyboard;
Ben Winkler, piano*

TO OUR VISITORS ...

We are so happy that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If you are searching for a church home and would like to know more about Curlew UMC, our ministries and our church family, please let us know. We hope you are blessed as we worship God together in spirit and in truth.

Curlew United Methodist Church

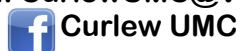
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Curlew United Methodist Church
December 20, 2020

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

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

Organ Selections

Announcements

Pastor Rachel Hughes

Birthday: 12/22 Tom Gibbs

* Greeting and Sharing the Peace

* Congregation "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prelude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Praise Band

Advent Wreath Lighting LOVE Janet Hattan & Deb Thompson
People: Lord God, Your witness, John the Baptist, grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved Your people and baptized them in the Jordan River to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love so that we would be witnesses for Him. Let us spread the good news of His love as Christmas draws closer day by day. Help us to be ready to welcome Him. AMEN.

* Call to Worship Liturgist

Leader: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things that God is doing.

People: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.

Leader: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presents, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us - the gift of the Christ child.

People: Help slow us down, Lord, that we may realize that Your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.

Leader: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of His eternal love.

All: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive Your blessed gift. AMEN.

* Affirmation of Faith *Advent Affirmation*

* The Gloria Patri

Prayers and Praises

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Rachel Hughes

Tithes and Offerings

* The Doxology

* Special Music "Mary, Did You Know?" Praise Band

Scripture **Luke 1:26-38**

The Message **God's Love** Pastor Rachel Hughes

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS

* Benediction Pastor Rachel Hughes

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Pastor Director of Music Ministries Rev. Rachel Hughes Ben Winkler

*** Stand as you are able**

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12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER ...

Ernie Bear, Tess Griffith, June Gunderman, Richard & Linda Hicks, Helen Kamp, Betty Johnson, JR Melvin, Mary Smiech, Jo Ann Tilley, those in our Military, our Curlew church family, the United Methodist Church, our country, and those across the globe fighting the pandemic. Contact info for church family shut-ins can be obtained by calling the church office and are published monthly in the "Curlew Courier".

Mary DeDea, Eileen Huntington, Vivian Cox, Barbara Bardua, Esther Besch