

# Welcome to



## Sermon Notes

### What Child Is This?

Pastor Tom Bryant

#### 23 December 2018 Fourth Sunday of Advent

*May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!*

Our Gospel reading is Luke 1.39-56 and our response is, **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”** spoken in unity aloud.

Call to Worship: Psalm 80

Hymns: Opening #196 Prayer #198 Closing #212

At the presentation of our offerings we sing the Doxology # 668

#### Studies this Week:

Wednesday– 5:00pm – Choir Practice

The Women's Group will not meet again until January

No Men's Study Group this week

Thursday – 10:30am & 7:00pm – **\*\*Ancient Christian Symbols\*\***

Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up for our Christmas Party. Thanks also for all who attended. We had a great turn out and lots of great food and fun. We are blessed to have such a loving family of God!

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 11:00pm. The Offering taken at this service will help a local family in need.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm. Please plan to attend and participate. Copies of the Proposed 2019 Budget are at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions please talk with Kelly or Bea. Thanks.

Remember to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) for all your Amazon purchases to earn free money for the church. If you haven't signed up yet, please get an instruction sheet from the Welcome Center.

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Parkview Ministries through Advent. There is a box in the Narthex for these gifts.

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#### Fourth Sunday in Advent

Reader: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David" (Luke 2:1,3-4).

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

**People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.**

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty. *(Light two purple candles, the rose candle, and the last purple candle.)*

#### Mary's Son!

1. Confesses her Humility – I am \_\_\_\_\_!
2. Rejoices in God's Mercies – I am \_\_\_\_\_!
3. Shares her Joy with others – I am \_\_\_\_\_!
4. Expects God to Do great things – I am \_\_\_\_\_!

(Free, Forgiven, Fanatical, Firm)