

We Welcome You To

SPICELAND FRIENDS CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

With Mary, "my soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-47).

PRELUDE Connie Brown, Pianist

LIGHTING OF FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE "Love"
"Advent Carol" – vv. 1 & 5 (see insert)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Rust

INVOCATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"O Holy Night"

Connie Brown, Hayley Painter, Tasha Crandall

CHILDREN'S STORY Diana Bowman

All children will be worshipping with us until after the children's story. Preschool-K will meet with Diana Bowman downstairs. Children (grades 1-5) are invited to go to Junior Church with Jessica Noteboom. Junior High will meet every other Sunday. Nursery is available for parents with babies or toddlers.

* SONG OF CELEBRATION #258

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Tasha Crandall, Song Leader

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER David Brock

SCRIPTURE Carly Griggs

1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)

MESSAGE Eric Bowman

"Present Love"

COMMUNION AFTER THE MANNER OF FRIENDS

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

* SONG OF DEDICATION #251

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

* BENEDICTION David Brock

* POSTLUDE #243

"Emmanuel"

* All who are able may stand

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

TODAY – CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – 9:00 p.m.

David Brock will bring a devotional message on "The Light of Christmas." Bring your family and join us.

WEDNESDAY – WALKING GROUP – 10:00 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – **Nancy Wadman** will be preaching on "Jesus's Hands."

NEXT SUNDAY – NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SFC – 6:00 p.m. for the more mature but yet young at heart. Bring your favorite party food and be ready to play some fun games and activities. We usually stay up until 9:00 or so! If you have questions, see **Nancy Wadman**.

The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a **Prayer Concern** that you would like to share, please fill out, sign, and date a green card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You may pick up a sheet listing Prayer Concerns in the Welcome Center or at the west door.

The January/February Upper Room devotional is available in both regular and large print in the Welcome Center.

2024 Church Directory – Please turn in any changes or additions to Carol as soon as possible for the 2024 church directory so that it will be accurate and up to date.

199 Years and Counting

Danny G. Murray passed away in 1994. An active member of Spiceland Friends, he had served as audio-visual technician, leader of Children's Church, past clerk of Ministry & Oversight, and spiritual guide. The large stained glass picture in the Welcome Center is dedicated to Danny's memory and was made by Sara Jane (Lockridge) Stegner.

Life Lifter to Share: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." *Micah 5:2*



Happy Birthday to: Kevin Weber, Dec. 25; Shirley Bowman, Dec. 28; Josh Pew, Dec. 31.

Greeters: Steve & Judy Stevens

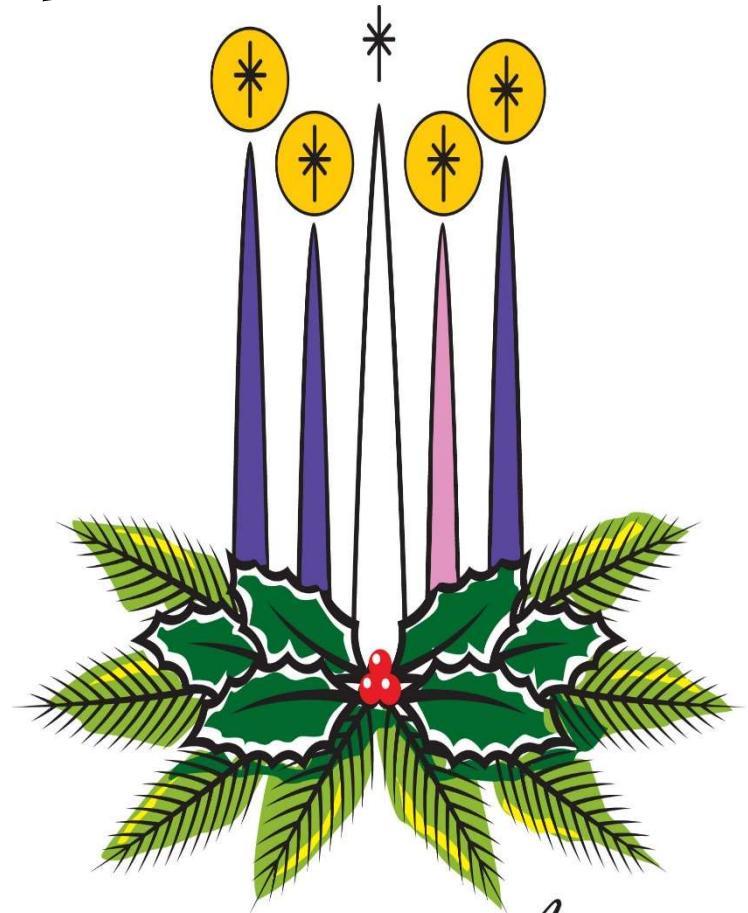
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Communications Coordinator: Lisa Knotts



Weekly Devotional by Barb Meade at www.spicelandfriends.org

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4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

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Morning Worship – 10:30 A.M.

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