

MOUNT GRETN A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

* * * ORDER OF WORSHIP * * *

WE GATHER

WELCOME & PARISH NOTES
PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP/LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: LOVE

ONE: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O [fill in name of church or community], from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

ALL: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

ONE: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation.

Light the four Advent Candles

*SPECIAL MUSIC "Breath of Heaven" Ellen Carlton

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: *Everyday Angels*

ACT 1: Interview with an Angel
Podcast Opening "Away in a Manger" played by Sam Idgunji

SONG "Angels Among Us" INSERT

ACT 2: Everyday Angel Tribute

WE RESPOND

OFFERING "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" #240 UMH
"Angel Song" played by Aubrey Weismantel

*DOXOLOGY *Tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:
**God of love and possibility,
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed
into your good news
for the sake of the world. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSICAL
Children's Choir "Away in a Manger"
Children's Choir "O Come All Ye Faithful" played by Jonas Owens
Children's Choir "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 UMH

*BENEDICTION

*SONG RESPONSE "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #204 UMH

*POSTLUDE

(*)= Please stand if able
UMH= United Methodist Hymnal

Everyday Angels Cast

LORELEI BOWMAN	Everyday Angel
SCARLET OWENS	Everyday Angel
KARA KALNAS	Everyday Angel
ATHENA BOWMAN	Everyday Angel
SIDNEY OWENS	Everyday Angel
TUCKER MILLER	Everyday Angel
OWEN WEISMANTEL	Podcast Announcer
TOBY BAKER	Podcaster #1
AUBREY WEISMANTEL	Gretna Giggler #1
MIA KALNAS	Gretna Giggler #2
JONAS OWENS	Everyday Angel
MORDECAI BOWMAN	Podcaster #2
DYLAN HIGH	Angel A. Mongus
SAM IDGUNJI	Podcast Introduction Theme

Thank you so very much to everyone who made this very special and beautiful service possible!

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.

Mount Gretna United Methodist Church

"A church for all seasons and all people"



- to know Christ and make him known.
- to help people become—and grow as—followers of Christ.
- to relieve suffering, in our community and beyond, through our members' ministries.

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