

# December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Advent



## Come Worship the Living



**PRELUDE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH# 204

**HYMN** *There's a Song in the Air*

UMH# 249

1. There's a song in the air!  
There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer  
and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a King!

2. There's a tumult of joy  
o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy  
is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire  
while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem  
cradles a King!

3. In the light of that star  
lie the ages impearled;  
and that song from afar  
has swept over the world.  
Every hearth is aflame,  
and the beautiful sing  
in the homes of the nations  
that Jesus is King!

4. We rejoice in the light,  
and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night  
from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely  
evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle  
our Savior and King!

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:19-29

### NRSV

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of  
the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

### NLT

19 Open for me the gates where the righteous enter,  
and I will go in and thank the Lord.

20 These gates lead to the presence of the Lord,  
and the godly enter there.

21 I thank you for answering my prayer  
and giving me victory!

22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has now become the cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is wonderful to see.

24 This is the day the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Please, Lord, please save us.  
Please, Lord, please give us success.

26 Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 The Lord is God,  
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

27 The Lord is God, shining upon us.

Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the  
altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise you!  
You are my God, and I will exalt you!

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.

## SERMON

*Oh! What a Day!*

Pastor Claudia Stallings

## PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be  
done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## HYMN

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

UMH# 242

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

2. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

## **CANTATA**

*Jesus Makes Christmas a Holy Day*

Arranged By Mike Speck

Presented by the Choirs of Ramsey

*Sing a Song of Christmas Medley*

“Sing a Song of Christmas”

“Joy to the World”

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Light of the Stable*

*Call Him Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child*

*The Story That Never Grows Old*

*A Holy Day*

*Sing a Song of Christmas (reprise)*

*Sing a Song of Christmas*

*Birthday of a King*

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott	Jimmie Early	David Pittman
Alice Alford	Mitch Early	Sara Katherine Reid
Matt Amason	Sherry Fox	Vance Richardson
Sheryl Baird	Cicero Gainer	Amy Salley
Betty Lou Brame	Jackie Gray	Janet Sheek
Peggy Burch	Sibyle Harmon	Nell Simmons
Mabel Campbell	Leroy Harris	Hazel Stewart
Melinda Campbell	Elnora Holmes	Darlene Thomas
Justin Chamberlain	Nancy Hulon	Tim
Mitzie Conner	Brittany Johnson	Helen Wallace
Ralph Conner	Maureen	Curtis Walsh
Lois Crafton	Joe Miller Sr.	Iris Ward
Dot Davis	Debbie Mullins	
Erica	Frances Owen	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at [www.ramseymemorial.org](http://www.ramseymemorial.org)

December 22	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
December 25	Christmas /Pajama Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
December 29	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
January 1	NO SERVICE	—————
January 5	Prayer group	(11:00am)
January 8	Communion Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our online giving resource!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 65th LIVING NATIVITY & BETHLEHEM

It's that time of year!

Ramsey will be presenting our **65th** Living Nativity and Bethlehem from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Thursday, December 22nd (Bethlehem and nativity)
- Friday, December 23rd (Bethlehem and nativity)
  - Saturday, December 24th (nativity only)

Make the Living Nativity part of your Christmas celebration this year and please invite others to join you! If you are interested in helping, contact Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net).

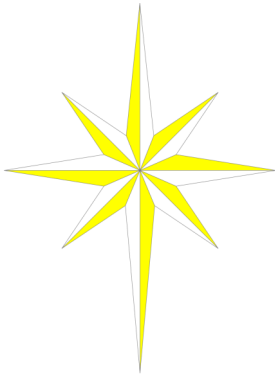


## BETHLEHEM SETUP AND TAKE DOWN

Help is appreciated to set up and take down Bethlehem. Below are the dates and activities planned. We anticipate each event will take less than 2 hours.

- December 19 at 3:30 – stock tables in the Marketplace
- December 29 at 1:30 – inventory and pack items left in Marketplace
- December 29 at 3:30 – transform rooms back to Sunday School layout

We are in need of small toys that cost under \$2 for our visitors to purchase in the Marketplace (matchbook cars, plastic animals and dinosaurs, puzzles) and gloves for adults and children. Please email Debbie Garrett (dsgarrett08@comcast.net) if you can help with any of these efforts.



## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed Friday,  
December 23, 2022 through Monday,

January 2, 2023. If you need to reach the office, please call the office phone  
(804-276-4628) and leave a message.

Messages will be checked.



**MERRY  
Christmas**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Join us at 10:00am for Pajama Sunday (or whatever you want to wear)!

**NEW YEARS DAY**

There will be no in-person or  
livestream service.

Pastor Claudia will share a prerecorded meditation which you will find on our YouTube channel, "Stream Ramsey".

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**