

Order of Worship
Sunday, Dec 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Congregation responses spoken together appear in **bold** print.)

OPENING DECLARATION & PRAYER

In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light. In the midst of confusion and fear, He brings hope and peace. In the time of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us. Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

(Prayer) Rejoice! We know You are near; Emmanuel is coming! Lord God in this Advent season, remind us of the joy we have as we anticipate Your arrival a second time, and remind us that You are with us, in our presence here and now. We long to always have the joy that comes only from You in our lives – not just temporary happiness. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, and we all agree by saying, **Amen**.

WORSHIP IN SONG (click the song title for a YouTube track)

[Holy is the Lord](#) [Emmanuel](#) [His Name Shall Be](#)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us Lord, speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the rejoicing. Speak to us by Your Word in these Advent days and walk with us until the day of Your coming. In Jesus' name we pray (and we all agree by saying) **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READING Micah 5:2-5a (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:1-7 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

WORSHIP IN SONG: [Exceeding Joy](#)

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:1-10 (NASB95)

Leader: This is the Word of God.

Congregation: Thank you Lord for your Holy Word.

(Quiet Reflection)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-56 (NASB95)

SERMON: <https://www.facebook.com/fcmstl>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & REPENTANCE:

PASSING THE PEACE

Salutation: May the peace of Christ be with you

Response: And also with you

WORSHIP IN SONG: HYMN OF THE MONTH

[Silent Night \(Heavenly Peace\)](#) | View the lyrics [here](#)

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed

BLESSING & SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CORPORATE FAST: Our corporate fasting time for December has been adjusted and we will end the year fasting from Sunday December 29th through Tuesday December 31st.

SUNDAY MORNING CORPORATE PRAYER: We will resume our 9:00 am Sunday morning prayer gatherings on January 5th, 2025. All covenant partners should plan to regularly attend and those leading in corporate worship are expected to attend. Please refer to the [Church Family](#) tab on our webpage for our prayer focus and specific authorities we are praying for each week.

UPCOMING 2025 EVENTS: The [Events](#) tab on our webpage has been updated with corporate fasting times and quarterly outreach events. Please add these dates to your calendar so you can plan future events around them.