Fourth Sunday of Advent			[Silent confession.] Merciful God, fill us with your love as we wait for your coming. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.		
December 22, 2024 9:00 a.m. Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the			*The Assurance of Pardon This is the good news: that Jesus Christ came into this world to save		
love of God in Jes	sus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fe	ellowship to you.	sinners. In Christ	t, we are forgiven. Thanks be to Go	od!
The Words of Welcome and Announcements			*The Response Angels We Have Heard on High, chorus 23		
	Our Approach to God		Glo ria, in ex	ccelsis Deo; Glo ria, in excelsis	s Deo.
Prelude	Divinum Mysterium	C. Phillips	The Anthem	Ding, Dong, Merrily on High JuBELLation Choir	F. Graman
The Call to Worship & The Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Love We gather as the people of God, responding to God's call to worship.			The Word of God		
We gather to give God all our praise and adoration. We gather with expectant hearts.			The Gospel Reading	Luke 1:57-80	page 145
On the night of Jesus' birth, the glory of the Lord shone bright in the			The Sermon	Receiving the Good News	Pastor Ruth Este
 darkness as an angel proclaimed to the shepherds, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." We worship God, humbly and gratefully receiving this good news. We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. [Lighting of the Advent candles.] His coming is good news of great joy! All glory and praise be to God! 			Our Response to Serve		
			*The Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed (traditional)	hymnal page 14
			*The Hymn	Joy to the World	4
*The Hymn	On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry	10	The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.		
*The Call to Confession In this season of Advent, let us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior as we confess our sin to God.			Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin 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.		
*The Prayer of Confession Almighty God, we praise you for the love in the good news of Jesus' birth and the promise of his return. We confess how easily we forget your love. You rescued us, redeemed us, and offered us salvation through Christ, yet we forget what you have done. You love us			The Offering of our Tithe The Offertory	es and Gifts The First Song of Isaiah Chancel Choir	J. Noble White
unconditi limits. Yo	onally, yet too often our love comes with c ou pour your love into our lives, yet we fail ir interactions with others. Forgive us, Lor	onditions and to reflect your	All creation, joi your voices rais	Angels, from the Realms of Glory, ver in in praising, God the Father, Spir sing to the eternal Three in One: C id worship, worship Christ, the ner	rit, Son. Evermore Come and worship,

*The Prayer of Dedication

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*The Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Second Presbyterian Church Children and Youth.

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response Go, Tell It on the Mountain (chorus) 29 Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

*Postlude Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel' A. Carter

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist and Advent Wreath Lighters: Rousseau Family Ushers: Larry Smith Greeter: Cheryl Kelley Fellowship Hour Hosts: Adam Engel and Rebecca LaLonde Musical Talent: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry, the Chancel Choir, the JuBELLation Choir, and our Children and Youth.

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds and listen at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for refreshments and fellowship.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

JOIN US ON TUESDAY. **DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE, AT** 4:30 P.M. FOR A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS





Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), any church programming for that day will also be cancelled. This includes any activity of the church or outside groups that use church facilities. Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee

meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events.

In the Mission Corner there is a "Box of Blessings" where you can leave small personal care items like the toothpaste & toothbrushes we often get at dental cleanings, or other small items you might find on sale & pick up. These will be added to the periodic food pantry collections.





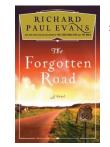
The Christmas Joy Offering will be received **TODAY**. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need. and develops our future leaders at Presbyterianrelated schools and colleges equipping communities of color. There are Christmas Joy envelopes in the pews,

but you may also specify that your offering is for Christmas Joy.



2024 End of Year Contributions

The IRS requires that donors must hand deliver or mail (the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2024) to claim a deduction for 2024. Giving in 2025 and predating a check for 2024 does not qualify for a 2024 deduction.



February Book Group The Forgotten Road by Richard Paul Evans is the

second book in the Broken Road Trilogy. Book one, "The Broken Road," was the choice for the October Book Group.

"Chicago celebrity and successful pitchman Charles James is supposed to be dead. Everyone believes he was killed in a fiery plane crash. But thanks to a remarkable twist of fate, he's very much alive and ready for a second chance at lifeand love."

Sonia will place a bulk book order on Monday, January 6, so please sign your name on the sheet in the gathering area if you'd like a book ordered for you. We will meet Sunday, February 9 @ 1:00 p.m. to discuss the book, enjoy some fellowship and treats. No need to sign up, just show up!

Music Notes

You are invited to sing with the Walkup Choir on Sunday, January 5. Come to rehearsal at 8:30am Sunday morning in the choir room, sit in the pews during the service, and then walkup to sing for the anthem. This is a great opportunity to try out the choir or do some singing even if you are not able to sing in the choir every Sunday.



Upcoming Schedule

Wednesday, December 25, and January 1 - no rehearsal Sunday, December 29 - no choir Sunday, January 5 - walk-up choir at 8:30am Wednesday, January 8 - choir only, no handbells Wednesday, January 15 - Choir and handbells