

Memorial United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 22, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship –

Christ's love has called us here.

Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.

Christ's love is transforming the world.

In joy, we'll give thanks and sing.

Christ's love calls us to justice and peace.

In faith, we'll answer the call.

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent

Hymn* "O Come, All Ye Faithful" **UMH 234**

Opening Prayer

God of ancient days and future visions, we come into your presence to celebrate the joy of your Holy Spirit and the blessing of your Son, Christ Jesus. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, as you filled Elizabeth long ago. Sing through our songs of joy, as you sang through Mary. Speak through our words and our thoughts, that we may grow closer to the justice and the peace of Christ Jesus, who calls us here today. In Christ's holy and blessed name, we pray. Amen.

Special music "Thy Loving Kindness"

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Merciful Savior, you know the hunger of our hearts, the hurt of our world, and the weakness of our lives. Feed us with faith and hope. Comfort us with love and joy. Forgive us with your grace. Strengthen us with your Spirit and give us the faith of Mary. For we yearn to proclaim your promises and draw strength from your vision of justice and peace in our weary world. In hope and trust, we pray. Amen.

Hymn* "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **UMH230**

Psalm Reading **Psalm 96:1-13** **UMH 815**
(Responsive)

Bible Lesson with Grandma

Presentation of Tithes and Offering
Doxology **95**

Time of Personal Prayer for the concerns of the Heart.

Scripture Reading **Luke 1:39-45**

Message

Hymn* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" **UMH 240**

Benediction

*** Please Stand If you are Able**

Concerns:

Beverly Patton	Christie Springston	Sharon McNemar
Cindy Sawyer	Jenny Lewis	Mike Tallman
Unspoken Prayers	Tracy Carpenter	Patsy McKown Leigh

The Unchurched of our Community
Those affected by the recent natural disasters
Families suffering the loss of loved ones

To add a concern to the Prayer list - please complete a Prayer card or slip of paper and place it in the Offering Plate.

CENTERING WORDS

**May our lives and our love reflect Christ's
presence
and magnify the Lord.**

On-line/ At Home Worship

Website - www.spencermemorialumc.org
On FaceBook - Memorial UMC - Spencer
On- Youtube - MEMUMC Spencer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sunday Service times are:
Worship Service at 10:00 AM
Sunday School at 11:00 AM

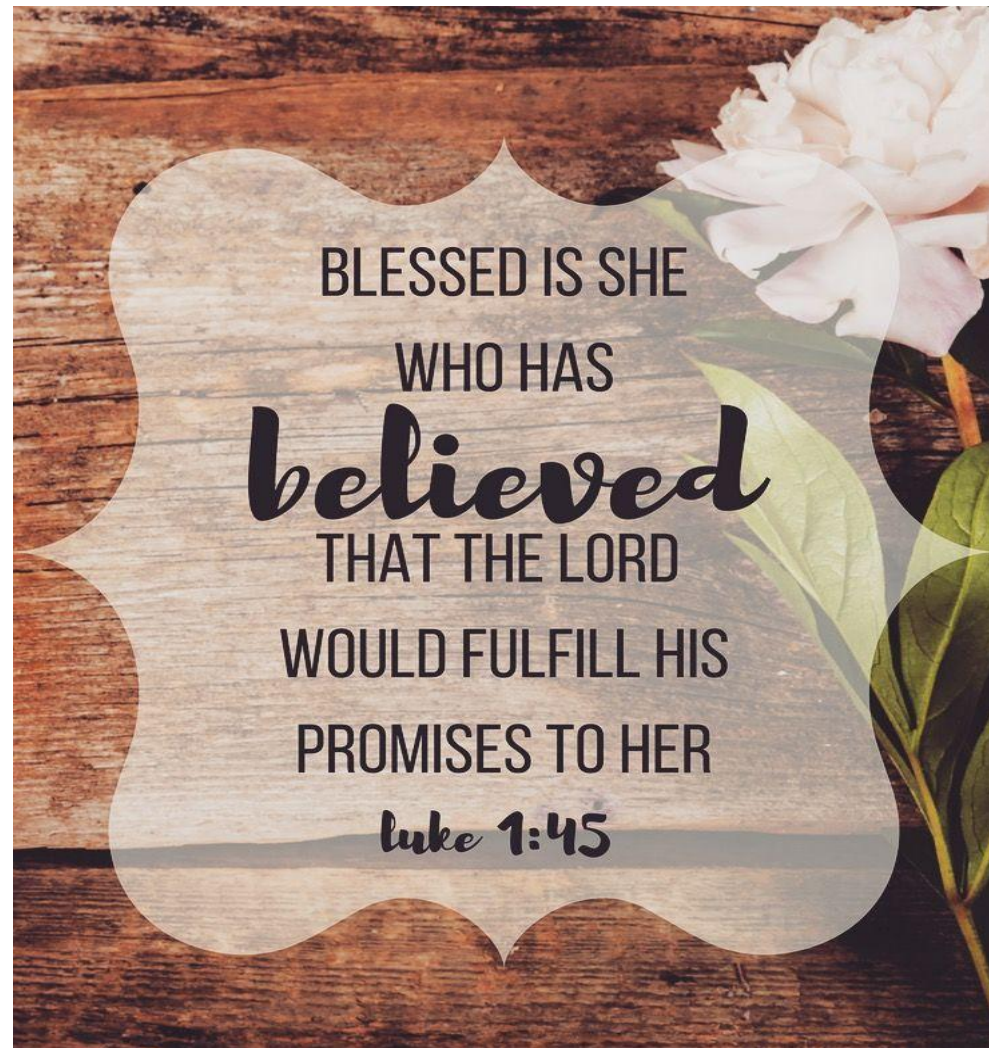
December

No Backpack packing- Schools on Christmas break until January
24- Christmas Eve Service 6PM @ St. John's UMC
25- Christmas Day

JANUARY 2025

1st - Happy New Year
2nd - Motivation & Inspiration Day
9rd - National Faith Day
9:00AM - Pack Backpack food bags & unload Food Truck

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**"O sing unto the LORD a new song:
sing unto the LORD, all the earth."**

Psalms 96:1 (KJV)

Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent

Light the Fourth Advent candle.

Express: “I’m bursting with God-news; I’m dancing the song of my Savior God” (Luke 1:46).

Worshipful waiting is focused less on the pending manifestation and more on what you do until the arrival. When love fuels the anticipation, worship and adoration grace the journey, thus making the destination more praiseworthy.

Pray: Lord, we thank you for your boundless love — a beacon of hope and redemption, lifting the humble and filling the hungry with good things. Help us to surrender to your will with humility and faith as Mary did. Amen.