**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 18, 2022**

\*Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #120 vs. 1-4

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “God’s Gift of Love” – Jon Burdeshaw

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Amy & Les Marsh

Invitation to Worship:

The advent of Christ brings the joy of God’s presence in our midst!   
**People: We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ**

**brings to us!**Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!  
**Joy and gladness are ours, because God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness!**  
***All: As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with joy and thanks.***

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 – Jon Burdeshaw

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “O Bethlehem” – Les Marsh

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: “God Is with Us” – Pastor Sharon

\*Hymn: “Away in a Manger” #128

Prayer Time

\*Hymn: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #134

Benediction

Postlude: “All Are Welcome” – Les Marsh

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

10Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. 12But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. 13Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. 15He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.