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The Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Prelude

***Chiming of the Hour**

***The Call to Worship**

Greetings, favored ones! Do not be afraid. The Lord is with you.

Holy Spirit, come upon us. Power of the Most High, overshadow us.

***Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

UMH 234

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Fred & Sandy Johnston (8:30)

Dave & Kimberly Kennedy (11:00)

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," stanza 7, UMH, 211

All Sing: "O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife."

"Our souls magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God for God has looked with favor on us, God's servants."

"God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty."

God of Justice, God of Peace, we open our hearts to you. Give us grace to be instruments of your righteousness.

Give us courage to turn away from distractions and distortions and turn toward the home you have made, are making, and will complete through Christ.

We, God's people, sing songs of joy with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God." (Isaiah 61:10, NRSV)

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the morning of Christmas Eve, we light this candle, turning with courage toward the One who makes a home among us.

Light the fourth Advent candle.

All Sing: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."