

**Nottingham United Methodist Church**  
**December 18, 2022 11:00 am Morning Worship**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ~John 3:16*

MUSIC MINISTRY OF PATSY

OPENING “His Name is Wonderful” “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

WELCOME AND PRAYER “Advent” -----UMH 201

CALL TO WORSHIP Light and Darkness-----UMH 205

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-----UMH 881

HYMNS "There’s a Song in the Air-----UMH 249

“Silent Night” -----UMH 239

PRAYER AT THE ALTAR/MUSIC BY PATSY

ADVENT - Light the Fourth Candle - “Love”

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY

HYMN “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” -----UMH 349

SCRIPTURE/SERMON-----Pastor Bill Porter

INVITATIONAL HYMN “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

†CLOSING PRAYER

MUSIC MINISTRY OF PATSY

† CONGREGATION STANDING

*Greetings and Welcome –We’re glad you are here today. Let’s give Jesus the gift of worship – like the angels and the shepherds. Worship him with all your might! You are loved!!*

**PASTOR:** *Bill Porter*

**MUSICIANS:** *Patsy Mercer*

**AUDIO/VISUAL TECH:** *Aaron Sams*

**LAY LEADER:** *Velena Wheatley*

**TELLERS:** *Danielle & Norma*

**USHERS:** *Roger S., Brenda S. & Lewis*

**Prayer List:** *Donnie Godey Family, Dr. Bill Fuller Family, Jan Mosier Family, Ernie Williams Family, Imogene Anderson Family, Ranny Copenhaver Family, James Alan Falin Family, Gavin Knupp Family, Sally McDowall Family, Freddy Goldberry Family, Susan Kerney Family, Kris Safriet Family, Elise Richards Family, Claudio Carlin Family, Charlie Goode Family, Richard Jones Family, Charlie Anderson, Della Bays, Bird Blackburn, Martha Bledsoe, Margaret Breeding, Beverley Crabtree, Barbara Graham Dalton, Carolyn Depew, Otis Dockery, Starlet Dunn, Kristen Dykes, Audley & Faye Fansler, Terry and Anna Farmer, Zelda Faust, Gran Fields, Sue's brother E.J., Ava Freeman, Conley Garrison, Helen Goode, Wanda Helms, Kenneth & Patsy Herron, Melanie Horne, Wayne Horne, Nadine Horton, Carl and Lynn Johnson, Marie Jones, Sherri Jones, Drexie & Ken Key, Lois Kyllonen James Lee, Mike McConnell, Scott McConnell, Patsy Mercer, Calvin & Shelia Newton, Tony Peters, Nell Powers, Jim Putman, Andy Richards, Ruth Richards, Bonnie Robinson, J. Fred Shelton, Robin Smith, Troy and Marcia Strawbridge, Joan Taylor, Velena Wheatley, Wayne Yates, Rev. Jeff Lambert, the lost, those who have recently lost loved ones, one another, the brokenhearted & discouraged, those traveling, our President & world leaders, troops & the people of the Ukraine!*

**Children's Christmas Program** – “The Wonder of Christmas” will be presented today. Thanks children, youth and adults for your willingness to participate and share Jesus.

**Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent** – The word “Advent” is a Latin word meaning “Coming”. That is what Advent is all about. Preparation for the coming of Jesus. The First candle is HOPE - Encounter Hope. Jeremiah 33:14-16  
The Second candle is PEACE - Encounter Peace. Psalm 72:18  
The Third Candle is JOY- Encounter Joy. Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 1:46-55, Matt. 11:2-11  
The Fourth Candle is LOVE – Encounter Love. Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

**Mendota Worship** – Sundays at 3 *pm*

**Wednesday Bible Studies** – Our Advent/Christmas study on Wednesday - “Why the Nativity”. Mendota begins at 11 *am* weekly. Nottingham's Bible Study begins at 1 *pm* weekly. Please join us for one or both of these studies.

**Small Group Talk** – **Disaffiliation Information** – Wednesdays after Bible Study.

**Terri Lynn Pecans** – We have wonderful Christmas gifts...NUTS, in all varieties! Please make your selection, post in book, and place money in envelope. Take several bags and help sell.

**Children's Ministries** – Thanks to everyone for your help with the gift bags for the children. You are appreciated very much!

**Christmas Cards** – Please pick up your Christmas cards today. It's not too late to bring cards.

**Trustees Meeting** - has been cancelled for December.

**Women's Meeting** - has been cancelled for December.

**Outreach for Elderly** - We will be delivering fruit baskets, etc. Monday and Tuesday. If you can help, please let Irene know. Thanks.

# Calendar

## Sunday, December 18, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

11:00 *am* Morning Worship  
Children's Church

3:00 *pm* Mendota Worship  
Family Christmas Luncheon

## Monday, December 19, 2022

Outreach Delivery

## Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Outreach Delivery

## Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Bible Study – Mendota 11:00 *am*

Nottingham 1:00 *pm*

Disaffiliation Meeting following Bible Study

Candlelight Service 6:30 *pm*

## Thursday, December 22, 2022

## Friday, December 23, 2022

## Saturday, December 24, 2022

## Sunday, December 25, 2022 – Fifth Sunday in Advent

11:00 *am* Morning Worship  
Children's Church

3:00 *pm* Mendota Worship  
Christmas Luncheon

**December Birthdays:** Shania Calhoun (6) Trevor Light (7) Roger Baker (7)  
Kenneth Herron (7) Cody Hensley (8) Randy Marcum (8) Ava Freeman (11)  
Ruby Craft (13) Kasey Ballard (15) Nell Powers (21) Ellen Taylor (22)  
Bill McDavid (22) Jerry Gillenwater (29)

**December Anniversaries:** Lewis & Norma Safriet (30)

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