

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to sign the guest book in the front entryway.

Restrooms are at the end of the hallways upstairs and downstairs.

Please join us for Fellowship Hour after the service in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

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THE CHAPEL IN MINISTRY AND MISSION

Monday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE: 5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols.

HATS, GLOVES AND MITTENS FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN: A Chapel Christmas tradition is to donate *new warm hats, gloves and mittens* to three local schools that serve many low-income families. Pre-K children's sizes of these items, especially waterproof mittens are especially welcome. A special request from one school is for *gently used snowpants in sizes 4 to 14 and children's sized boots*. A **Mitten Tree** and **receiving basket** are in the foyer. **Thank you!**

THANK YOU for bringing your annual pledge to the mission and ministry of Forest Home Chapel in the name of the Lord. We will accept all pledges through the end of the year. The faithful stewardship of your gifts is a great blessing to God and the mission and ministry of this, God's church. Through God's great love, we all continue to reach into your hearts and discover a place of hope to share the message of the gospel. ***We give thanks and praise to God!***

Please see our www.foresthomeumc.org website for a link to Advent Devotions this season, or visit www.luthersem.edu/advent/.



FOREST HOME CHAPEL

December 23, 2018

ADVENT 4

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Ministers: All the People

CHAPEL MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing God's will for our community through education, compassion, and justice.

"What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

~ Micah 6:8 ~



Forest Home Chapel is a Reconciling Congregation. † www.rmnetwork.org

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**Forest Home Chapel
United Methodist Church**

December 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE Merilee Nord, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PLEASE GREET ONE ANOTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*One of our goals at the Chapel is to help people experience a sense of belonging.
Please return to your seats as the music begins.*

INTROIT Maria Rabbia and Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

God has done great things for us!

God's PEACE is heralded in the promise of Christ.

Holy is the Lord!

Mary stood against the norm of her day with a vision of Holy peace, and said, yes, to God.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation, and to this moment in our time. We light the candle of peace because of Christ and who he is to us.

God's peace is offered in the gift of Christ.

*HYMN #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy God, your prophet Isaiah foretold with faith that peace would come and we will know how to live in it. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise; your servant Mary proclaimed with faith that she would be able to magnify your love by her obedience and today we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise.

Make us bold enough to proclaim with faith; the coming of your kingdom, the coming of your justice, the coming of your peace. All this we humbly pray in the name of the one who comes. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled. God does not forget us. God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Let our souls rejoice in God! **Amen.**

ANTHEM

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 11:6-9 David Robertshaw, Reader
Luke 1:39-55

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

YOUNG DISCIPLES MOMENT (*Children come forward as we sing*)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, Bread and Cup, Prayer and Song: this is where children belong. *After this time, children may go downstairs for Sunday school.*

HYMN #250 *Once in Royal David's City*

MESSAGE Presence of Peace Rev. Dr. Robin Blair

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING OF PRAYERS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Following each, the pastor says: "Lord in your blessings."

*The people respond: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

TIME OF SILENCE/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER (#895)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS (*Our "Noisy Can" collects loose change for local food ministries.*)

*DOXOLOGY #95 / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We offer our gifts to you Lord that peace may be known through us, from you, in our time and place. Please bless these gifts for we are grateful we have something to give this day. Amen.

*HYMN #215 *To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*

*BENEDICTION

Go forth in peace, The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you this and everyday. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

*You may stand.

Some elements of worship are found at www.ministrymatters.com