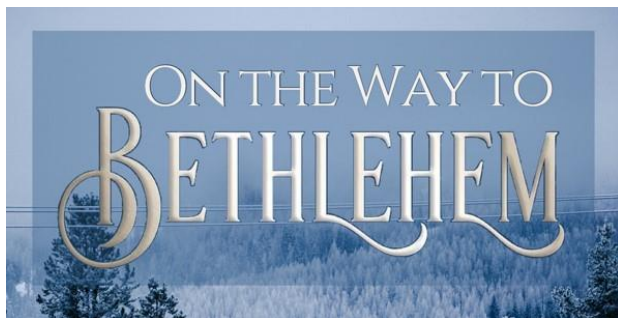


Online



[Link to zoom worship at 9:00 on Sunday](#)

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December 22, 2024 + Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Prelude:

The Journey

Opening Prayer

Holy and Living God, we pray for hearts and minds to open wide to merciful acts in your name.

Too often, we clench our fists in fear that what we have will not be enough for us.

Give us the humility to make more room.

Call us to a "generosity of grace."

Call us to be generous—not to a fault—but to a future where all have a place and a home where they are deeply loved.

We pray this in the name of your Son,

Jesus, the Christ, your Love Incarnate. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture. **And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

We wait for the one who knows our deepest thoughts and fulfills our every need.

And he will be called Everlasting Father. We wait for the one who will love us unconditionally, as a parent loves a child.

And he will be called Everlasting Father.

We wait for the one whose grace and mercy will never end **And he will be called Everlasting Father.**

Prayer of Love:

Gracious Lord, we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth to be our Everlasting Father. As we continue our Advent journey, remind us of your eternal and steadfast love, and help us radiate this love to others by our actions and with our words. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come as a Child

Affirmation of Faith

(All) **God loves us.**

God cares for us.

God blesses us.

God tends to us.

(Leader) We are God's fruit and faithful seed.

God hears us.

God helps us.

God trusts us.

God tries us.

Sometimes we are more faulty than precious fruit. **But, no matter what, we are God's.**

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Scripture: Romans 13:8-11

Message: Love

Rev. Blaine Wimberly

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Generosity Moment

Prayer

Holy One,
this Advent season we wait with love,
and we give with love.
Love for you our God and love for our neighbors.
Receive these generous offerings,
and use them for your works of love in our world.
Amen.

Musical Response:

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song: I Believe in Love

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Song of Faith: Hovey Corbin

Benediction

Fellowship Time

Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ

Vision: To be a thriving Christ-led people in the East Mountains,
inviting all generations to a transforming experience o God's Grace.

WORSHIP ✝ CONNECT ✝ GROW ✝ SERVE

Announcements and Calendar

~ Special Christmas services: 6pm on December 24; 10:30 on December 25

~ We are glad you are online with us today! Please register your attendance and your joys and concerns in the chat box.

~ We would like to pray for you! Prayer requests may be sent to our prayer chain at prayer@mountainsidemethodist.org. To avoid delay, please do not send prayer requests to the Office@mountainside email.

This week at Mountainside

Monday, December 23

Noon AA meets in the Fellowship Hall
4:00 Upward Practice (gym)

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25 10:30

Christmas Day Service

Thursday, December 26

3:00 Teatime Online
4:00 Upward Practice (gym)
5:00 Cheer Practice (round room)

Friday, December 27

9:00 am Dance Fitness with Leticia (gym)
10:00 Al Anon in Fellowship Hall
Noon AA meets in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 28 12:00

Bell Choir practice

Sunday, December 29

9:00 Sunday Morning Live online worship
9:00 The Breakfast Club Bible Study (fellowship hall)
10:30 Worship in the Sanctuary
11:35 Choir practice in the Round Room
5:00 AA in the fellowship hall

