

Order of Worship
December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Advent – LOVE
Christmas Sunday
Everyone Welcome!

Welcome and Announcements Roger Borgmann

Call to Worship – “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UM Hymnal # 334
There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Personal Sharing Roger Borgmann

*Hymn of Praise “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(Verses 1, 2, and 5) UM Hymnal # 139

Lighting the Advent Candle of LOVE Toni Wilson

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Offering *Doxology

Hymn of Preparation “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
UM Hymnal # 240

*Scripture – John 3:1-21

Sermon Joe Beavon

*Hymn of Dedication “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
UM Hymnal # 384

OUR ALTAR IS ALWAYS OPEN!

*Benediction and Shalom Circle

UPCOMING EVENTS

***Today, December 22:* Our annual Christmas Lunch and Gift Exchange at the Bull & Thistle immediately after service.**

***Tuesday, December 24:* 4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (On Christmas Eve, we will invite you to bring your offerings forward to the manger.)**

Pantry food item: Instant Rice

Last week’s plate offering: \$ 900.00
Weekly amount needed to be on budget: \$1,500.00
Attendance Last Sunday: 21

Prayers & Concerns

Steve Chapman – health concerns

David Bryant – cancer

Jaymon Loftis - Prayers

Bonnie Flatt – Prayers Stage 3 liver cancer

Maria Rakaska – Prayers for health issues

Frances Knight – Prayers for health concerns

Ann Hart – Prayers for cancer

Stella Cain – Prayers

Kathie Bowles – Health concerns

Harold & Betty Martin – ongoing health issues

Prayers for hurricanes, floods & tornados victims

Mike Tippit – Prayers for upcoming open-heart surgery on
January 6

Curt Long – Prayers for health concerns

Sandy Heinrich – Prayers for brother in law, Carl Smith

Prayers for Jim & Karen Eberly

Howard & Carla Khouri – Prayers for health concerns

Prayers for Randy Heady

Prayers for Suzanne Stafford

Grief

Prayers for the family of Larry Jones



Email Prayer Requests: gainesboromethodist@gmail.com

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4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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