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### Focus for Next Service

December 24th, 2025

*Christmas Eve*

***Go, See, Share***

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-20

### ***Public WIFI Log-in***

***PFUMC-Guest***      ***Password: ConnectMe!***

Let us know you are worshipping with us,  
whether you are in the Sanctuary or on Facebook.

Please fill out a connect card in your bulletin  
or use the comment section on Facebook  
to make your prayer request known to the pastor.

He will include your thanks to God

and your prayer concerns in our pastoral prayer.

If you would like to add your prayers to the weekly prayer chain,  
contact Karen Lynch at 717-571-5903 or karen\_lynch@me.com.

9:00 AM Non-Traditional Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

All services are both in person and live-streamed on our website and YouTube.

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**December 21st, 2025**

## ***Seeing and Understanding the Signs***

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

***10:30 AM Service***

*Serving Christ, Changing Lives!*

\*Congregation standing, as able

## **Seeing and Understanding the Signs**

Prelude

\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath    #196 v 1    “Come, Thou...”

\*Call to Worship                      Ramirez p. 22 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

Leader: Ask a sign of the Lord, your God.

Let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.

**People: Dare we ask?**

**Dare we put the Lord to the test?**

Leader: Dare we refuse the invitation from the Creator?

**People: Behold, the virgin is with child and bears a son!**

\*Opening Hymn    #218    “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Opening Prayer                      Ramirez p. 22 (Lectionary Worship Aids)

**A sign, Lord,**

**we pray for a sign,**

**and this day you have given it to us,**

**the virgin bears a son and he is Immanuel,**

**God with us!**

**You are with us!**

**Hallelujah! Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance and Pardon

The Lord’s Prayer

“using the word sins instead of trespasses”

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

“Seeing and Understanding the Signs”

\*Hymn of Response

#221

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Reception of New Members

(Russell Boeshore & Kim Reed)

and Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows #33-35, 37-39

Offering

\*Offertory Response

#95

“Praise God For Whom....”

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

#242

“Love Came Down at Christmas”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

#566 v. 1 & 2

“Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love”

Postlude