



Mt Vernon UMC

December 18, 2022

Advent IV

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

Christ, by highest heav'n adored.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the light of the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP²

God-with-us, Immanuel,

comes to give us our own Holy Family,

here with the body of Christ this day.

Rejoice and be glad! **Amen!**

ADVENT CANDLES

RESPONSE³ 🎵

Love, love, love, may earth be filled with love.

The love of God that knows no ending,

blessings of love that God is sending.

Love, love, love, may Earth be filled with love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

HYMN 🎵

240. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

HYMN 🎵

213. Lift Up Your Heads

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² *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1* ©
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³ Advent lyrics by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com, 2022.

CHILDREN'S SERMON
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS
LORD'S PRAYER - #895
RESPONSE 🎵🎵

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 1:1-7
SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95 🎵🎵

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

HOLY COMMUNION

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

God still sends signs. Open your eyes to the possibility of
grace.

God still sends signs. Embrace the child of hope.

God still sends signs. Let the song of joy send you forth in
peace.

Go with the God who still sends signs.

POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

Go tell it on the mountain,

over the hills, and ev'rywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain




that Jesus Christ is born.

⁴ Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, 2022

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Roger Battle, Dustin Darling,
Mason Drollinger, Tracy Bailen

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Quarter Tube for Daily Bread	Today!
United Women of Faith	6:30 pm 12/21
Christmas Eve Worship	5 pm 12/24
Christmas Day Worship	10:30 am 12/25
Helping Hands Donations (   \$)	1/1
Pancake and Sausage Day?	1/21?

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

Next Sunday: Merry Christmas!

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

- Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
- Learn together of God's love and grace
- Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
- Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!

To learn more, visit facebook.com/MtVChamp

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).