

Welcome...

Christ Our Peace



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The 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017 • 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Spanish Fort United Methodist Church!
We pray that the Holy Spirit moves through you as it moves through this service of worship.

Prelude

Welcome/Greeting

*Call to Worship

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Bringing in the Light of Christ

*Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful” ~ No. 234

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Karen, Julia, & Maren Fagan

Leader: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that the wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Leader: A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9, verses 6 and 7:

⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy.

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

The last purple candle is lit.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“Away In A Manger” ~ No. 217

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed ~ No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Time

Following Children's Time, the children ages 3 years (by September 1, 2017) through 2nd grade will be dismissed to the lower level Fellowship Hall, next to the Sanctuary, in MC106. Parents may pick up their children, after the worship service, in MC106.

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

"Noel"

Mallory Jayjohn, Solo/Sanctuary Choir/Contemporary Praise Band

*Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-7 ~ Pew Bible Old Testament, No. 598

Message

"Christ, Prince of Peace"

Rev. Bill Price

*Hymn

Hark The Herald Angels Sing ~ No. 240

*Benediction

Postlude

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

*Please stand as you are able.

Sermon Notes:

Weekly Bible Readings

Meet the challenge to read your entire Bible in one year by spending twelve and a half minutes each day.

You can start any time. This week's suggested readings: Sunday, Hebrews 11-13; Monday, Deuteronomy 1-3; Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 21-24; Wednesday, Psalms 120-121; Thursday, Proverbs 31; Friday, Nahum; Saturday, Acts 7-8.

This Week ...

SUNDAY, December 24

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 p.m. Family Communion Worship Service (Sanctuary)
6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship Service (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, December 25

Church Office Closed for Christmas

TUESDAY, December 26

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WEDNESDAY, December 27

5:30 a.m. Men's Group (Fellowship Hall)

Upcoming Events

December 31, 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, No Sunday School
January 1-2, Church Office Closed
January 4, Communion Served at Westminster Village
January 7, Communion Served at Both Worship Services
January 7, Confirmation Class & Parent's Session of Confirmation
January 7, Agape Hands Puppets Practice Resumes
January 8, Adult (Bill's) Bible Study Resumes
January 8, Trustees Meeting
January 8, Evangelism Team Meeting
January 9, Lunch Bunch Study - "Ruth"
January 10, "Parenting Beyond Your Capacity" Study
January 10, Mid-Week Resumes
January 11, Sara Sheppard Circle
January 12-14, Remedy Revive Camp
January 13, UMM Breakfast
January 15, Finance Meeting
January 21, Blood Drive
January 21, Financial Peace University

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If you have a QR scanning app on your cell phone, simply scan the code to the right for easy access to our online giving option.



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A NOTE FROM FINANCE...All 2017 contributions must be mailed (postmarked), delivered to the church office, or placed in the offering plate by **Dec. 31, 2017** (drop in the mail slot) in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2017.

RUTH STUDY - LUNCH BUNCH...The Women's Tuesday Lunch Bunch will be doing a Bible Study on the book of Ruth beginning **Jan. 9th** for 6 weeks. Study guides are \$15 and we will have them available on the first day of class. For more details and to register go to www.spanishfortumc.org and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

PARENTING BEYOND YOUR CAPACITY STUDY...Join us for this 8-week parenting study, starting with an orientation on Wednesday, **Jan. 10th** from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the West Campus. Cost is \$15 for class materials. For more details and to register go to www.spanishfortumc.org and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

MID-WEEK...Join us Wed. evenings beginning **Jan. 10, 2018** when our Mid-Week meal and activities will resume. Dinner is from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Following dinner, activities for all ages are available on both campuses.

WINTER REVIVE CAMP...Winter Revive, "AMEN" for 9th-12th grade is **Jan. 12-14, 2018**. For more details and to register go to www.spanishfortumc.org and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

WINTER CAMP..."Joy" Winter Camp for 3rd-5th grades is **Feb. 2-5, 2018**. Go to www.bluelakecamp.com to register.

MEN'S RETREAT...Men, mark your calendars for **Feb. 9-10, 2018** at Camp Baldwin. Cost is \$60.00. Register by calling the church office. Registration and monies due by **Feb. 1, 2018**.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY...Begins **Jan. 21st** and runs through Mar. 18th at 10 AM in WD102 on the West Campus. The cost for this course is \$109. For more details and to register go to www.spanishfortumc.org and click on the Calendar & Events tab.

UMCOR...Our Children's Ministry continues to collect supply items for the UMCOR Relief Health Kits. The item we are collecting for Jan. is combs (min. of 6" of teeth, no pocket combs/picks). Please bring items to the drop off box in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or to the Kids' area on the West Campus.