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Order of Worship  
December 22, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome  
Call and Response  
Worship in Song  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Worship in Song  
Prayer

## **We Listen to the Word**

Sermon Series: Back to the Future  
Week 4: An Unlikely Place

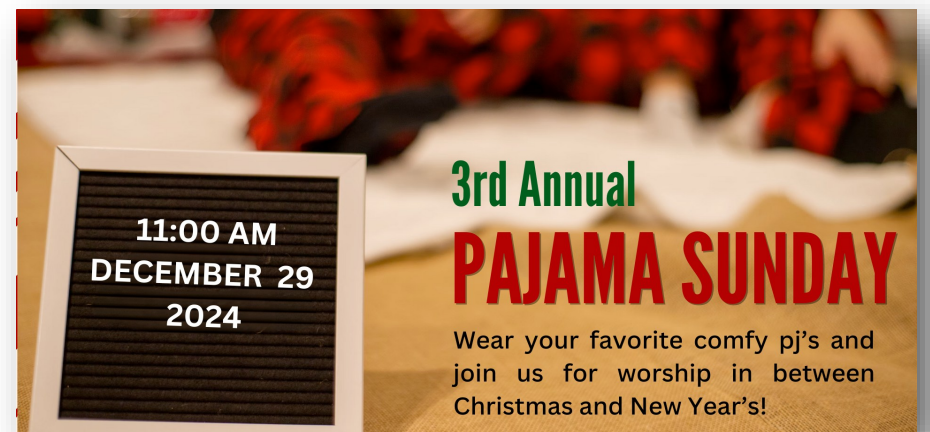
## **We Come to the Table**

Prayer of Confession and Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song  
Prayer

## **We Go to Live in the Reign of God**

Community Life  
Responsive Advent Blessing

\*Words to music, responsive readings and  
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*



For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,  
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## Doggy Bag-

Some questions to chew on:



1. In the message, what stood out to you the most? Was anything new? Were you reminded of anything?
2. Why is the history of Bethlehem important in understanding its significance?
3. What stands out to you in Micah's prophecy? Why do you think people did not listen to him?
4. Do you believe God shows up in an active, personal way in our world? Why or why not? Where do you tend to look for him?
5. When you speak of God's work in your life, are all your stories in the far past? Where have you witnessed or been a part of God's work recently?
6. This Christmas, what is your "Bethlehem"—in what unlikely place may God show up, here and now?

## Back to the Future—Week 4 An Unlikely Place Pastor Kris Beckert

**In your childhood, what Christmas movie or show did you look forward to re-watching every year?**

### I. Where God Showed Up:

#### 1. An \_\_\_\_\_ Place

- Bethlehem means \_\_\_\_\_
- Ephrathah is ancient name, meaning \_\_\_\_\_
- Small, nondescript town in Judean countryside
- One claim to fame: Birthplace of \_\_\_\_\_ ~1000 BC
- Book of Ruth takes place there, Naomi and Boaz' hometown
- Rachel had been buried nearby (Genesis 35:19)
- Known for shepherding

#### 2. Prophesied by \_\_\_\_\_

- Micah was a contemporary of Isaiah in Judah
- Prophesied ~700 BC
- He was from a small \_\_\_\_\_

*Micah 5:1-4 Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.  
2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."*

## NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

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<sup>3</sup> Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup> He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

### 3. Where \_\_\_\_\_ is born

Luke 2:1-7 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

## II. Where God Shows Up:

- Not just in mountaintop experiences, cathedrals, under bright lights and beauty
- God often shows up in \_\_\_\_\_ places
- God often shows up through \_\_\_\_\_ people
- God is not just in the past or future but in the \_\_\_\_\_

## Big Idea:

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