

## **ADVENT WREATH LITURGY: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Reader One:** When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O [fill in name of church or community], from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

**Congregation:** God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

**Reader Two:** We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

*Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.*

***O COME, O COME EMMANUEL O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56) v. 7 & 8***

## **The Week Ahead: Events & Committee Meetings:**

**Tuesday December 24th,** In-Person Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m

Christmas Compline Facebook Live Stream at 11:00 p.m

**Sunday December 29th,** Morning Prayer 8 a.m., Lessons & Carols 10:00am

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors!! Please sign our guest book at the back of the church.

**It’s a Boy! A Baby Shower for Jesus:** Join us for a coffee-hour celebration of our savior’s birth by bringing a package of size 2 or 3 diapers for Keeping Pace with Multiple Miracles on Sunday, Jan. 5 and enjoy refreshments and games!

**Sunday Lunch Book Club:** Jan. 26 after the 10 a.m. service. Discuss *Speaking of Sin* by Barbara Brown Taylor. All are welcome.

**Mercy Street,** Wednesday, Jan. 29. at 6:30 p.m. A potluck supper will be shared. Contact Paula Keenan, [paulackeenan@aol.com](mailto:paulackeenan@aol.com), (617) 939-3530.

**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 7 p.m. via Zoom. We’ll be covering the book of Job. Contact Rev. Suzanne or join through the church center app.

**The Food Pantry continues collecting items weekly. Toilet paper, paper plates, and personal hygiene items** are in demand. Thank you very much from the Bridgewater Food Pantry!

**Worship Leader Training is starting soon!** If you're interested in becoming a Chalice Bearer, Lector, Worship Leader for Morning Prayer, or Lay Preacher, sign up at the back of the sanctuary to participate.

**The Sun Will Rise Foundation:** Peer grief support for losses due to substance use. Monthly group at Trinity Bridgewater, plus one-to-one support. Postcards with more info in the parish hall.

**Volunteers Needed:**

**Sunday School teachers** and assistants needed! Please speak to Mindy Greely or Jerry Lenihan. | **Lectors and worship leaders** interested in learning to lead Morning Prayer contact Rev. Suzanne. | **Coffee Hour hosts needed!** Sign up at the sweets table during coffee hour.

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