

Liturgist: Samantha Howlett

Lectionary Readings for Christmas Eve, 2025:

Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-14

Lectionary Readings for December 28, 2025:

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18;

Matthew 2:13-23

Worship Attendance Last Week: 82

Sunday School Attendance: 50

We become what we love, and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ; it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others.

Clare of Assisi

Ministers: All professing Members of Locust Grove GMC.

Pastor: Rev. Booker Brown, Jr.



Locust Grove Global Methodist Church

Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM

Worship, 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

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(*Please Stand as You Are Able)

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

GATHERING

PRAISE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT

**CALL to WORSHIP*

L: When the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary, Mary said yes, even in the midst of the unknown.

P: When the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, Joseph said yes, even in the midst of uncertainty.

L: When we consider the origins of our Christian faith in the midst of mystery and glory, we say yes to God.

P: When we celebrate the birth of Christ, we proclaim God is with us, Emmanuel. Come, let us worship our living God.

Amen

**OPENING PRAYER*

(IN UNISON)

God with us, Emmanuel, as we draw near to the manger, focus our attention on your presence among us. As we consider the love, care, and faith of Mary and Joseph, may they strengthen our faith. As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas, may our Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love be found in you. Amen

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor Booker

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Booker

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Dicky Clements, Timmy Howlett,
and Jenny Hall*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Booker

SCRIPTURE READING

(Please Stand for the Gospel Reading)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON, (Pg. 1025)

Isaiah 7: 10-16

**GOSPLE LESSON, (Pg. 1468)*

Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON

"The Love of Christ"

Pastor Booker

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**CLOSING HYMN*

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

#218, Hymnal

GOING FORTH FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE