

December 21st 2025

4th Sunday in Advent

Preludes: “O, What A King”
 “‘This is Jesus”
 “I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day”

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Come, people of God, bring your worries and your weariness.

We come, seeking sanctuary in God’s promise of hope.
When life feels impossible and choices feel few, God is still at work.

God’s Spirit opens the way where we see no way.
This is a place for hope to be born anew.
Come, Lord Jesus, and make room in us for hope.

Opening Prayer:

God of hope, you enter our lives when we least expect it. You shine light into impossible places and speak life where we only see endings. Teach us to wait with patience, to trust with courage, and to act when your Spirit calls. Fill us with your hope and send us to be bearers of hope in the world. It is in the name of the One who is our hope we pray. Amen.

*Song of Praise “Jesus Loves Me”

Advent Candle Lighting: Lighting the Candle of Love

Children’s Message “A Change of Plans”

Joys and Concerns
Prayers for the People
The Lord’s Prayer
*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 070

Choir Anthem “Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

The Scripture Lesson(s): Matthew 1:18-25

Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Offertory

*Refrain From “O Come All Ye Faithful”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

God of hope, bless these gifts and bless us who give them. Use what we offer to turn despair into possibility and to bring your light into the darkest corners. May our giving be a witness that your promises are true and that hope still has a home in this world. It is in the name of the One who is our hope we pray. Amen.

*Hymn “Angels From the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

Message:

Sanctuary: Room for All
Week 4 in the Season of Advent
“Room for Hope”

Music Ministry “Noel”

*Hymn “‘It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” UMH 218

Benediction and Going Forth:

**“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the
world.”**



**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**

First United Methodist Church

Mexico, New York

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Fourth Sunday in Advent



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