

December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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Maxwell Methodist Church
December 22, 2024 @ 10 a.m.
4th Sunday of Advent
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
***Please stand if able**

Prelude..... Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The People Walking in Darkness have seen a great light.

People: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Leader: For to us a child is born.

People: To us a son is given.

Leader: The government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

People: Mighty God,

Leader: Everlasting Father,

People: Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the increase of his government and peace, there will be no end.

People: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom.

Leader: Establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time and forever.

People: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Lighting the Advent "Love" Candle

***Advent Carol. . ."O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" . . Hymnal #211**

Pastoral Prayer/ Lord's Prayer

Offering:

(Offering plates are at both doors as you enter and exit)

***Doxology**

Scripture. Luke 1:26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Sermon. "Mary's Baby" Rob Bacon

***Advent Carol. . . "To a Maid Engaged to Joseph" . . Hymnal #215**

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell

Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **Shut-in Birthday**: Leota Hudson's birthday is today, December 22, 2024. Her address is: Rolling Green Village, 100 South Sixth Street, Nevada, IA 50201.

Prayers for Kelsie (Phares) Fisher: Kelsie (Phares) Fisher, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive malignant cancer in November of this year. She is just 35 years old. Since her diagnosis, Kelsie has unfortunately continued to be in/out of the hospital during the start of her treatment course. She will continue to have treatment at Mary Greeley but will also be traveling to Iowa City for appointments in the near future. Please pray for Kelsie & her family. Pray for strength & comfort. Pray for the doctors, nurses and her care team during this difficult journey. For additional information see:
<https://allevents.in/colo/kelsie-fisher-benefit/100001095867783039>

Thank You

Thank you for the rose and baby's breath. We so appreciate your prayers, support and love during this difficult time. Our son, Zach, was so full of life. It was such a shock! There are so many stories and memories to entertain and to comfort us.

Pastor Jerry, Wanda Swanberg and family

In Memory of
Theodore "Ted" Lee Hudson
December 3, 2024

In Memory of
Zachary "Zach" Aaron Swanberg
December 1, 2024