



**DECEMBER 22, 2024**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Welcome

Introit - *Jingle, Jingle Happy Bells*

**WE PRAISE & THANK GOD**

Call to Worship – #87 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1&5)*

Advent Liturgy

#108 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Confession of Sin

Affirmation of Forgiveness

Acts 10:43

*Immanuel*

Offertory – *The First Nowell*

Prayers of the People

The Shackletons

Paul Reader

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

#97 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Scripture Reading

John 10:10-16

Message

Larry Gould

Rev. Keith Fink

**Waiting with Ezekiel**

Ezekiel 34:11-16

**WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD**

*Kids Choir participants are dismissed at this time*

*Joy Has Dawned*

Benediction

Postlude

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**UNISON:** His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord;  
He is the Mighty King, Master of everything  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages      Almighty God is He;  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord (hymn #79).

Leader: God promises to provide a shepherd we can trust. "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: and He shall gather the lambs with His arm; and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young." (from *Messiah* by Handel, based Isaiah 40:11)

Lighter: We light this candle on the fourth Sunday in advent to celebrate Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

**UNISON:** Come unto Him, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (based on Matthew 11:28-29)."

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**Waiting with Ezekiel**  
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**Question:** For what, or for whom, are we waiting in this life that regularly disappoints us?

**I. Gathering the Sheep (vs. 11-13)**

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* Lk. 19:10

**II. Caring for the Sheep (vs. 14-16)**

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* Jn. 10:10-11.

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**Point to Ponder:** Do you feel like you are a sheep that's wandering and lost at night? Then, could it be, that today is the day you are found by the Good Shepherd?

**Next Week:** We will meet for worship on the 24th and consider **Luke 1:34-38**. Next Sunday morning we will resume our sermon series from 2 Timothy, *Guarding the Good Deposit*, by considering **2 Timothy 4:1-5** 'A Final Charge.'

