

**Dec. 22nd 2024**  
4th Sunday of Advent

**11:15 a.m.**  
Color: Purple

**Scripture: 1 John 4:7-11, 19-21**

Read by Frank Cox

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Praise be to God for his word.**

**Prelude:** "There's Something about that Name"

William Gaither  
*Arranged by Fred Bock*

*(The acolyte lights the candle signaling that  
the light of Christ has come to meet us. )*

**Welcome**

Frank Cox

*(Rise in body or spirit)*

**Invitation**

"Welcome"

Mark Miller (Overhead)

**Sermon:** Making Room: Walk Each Other Home

Rev. Brian Steele

**The Church Gives Thanks**

*As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God our  
gifts of tithes and offerings.*

**Offertory Hymn**

"The Little Drummer Boy"

-Katherine Davis

*(Rise in body or spirit)*

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**

UMH #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Frank Cox

**Community Prayer**

Rev. Brian Steele

*(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)*

**Ways to Connect**

Rev. Brian Steele

*(Rise in body or spirit)*

**Closing Song**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

#234 UMH (VS. 1 & 4)

*(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)*

**The Sending**

Rev. Brian Steele

**Praise and Worship**

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

#230 UMH (VS. 1, 2 & 4)

**Advent Candle Lighting & Liturgy**

Ashley & Sandra

**Message In Song**

"What Child is This?"

William Chatterton Dix

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Brian Steele

### Altar Flower Memorials:

Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. The cost is \$20 and you may take the flowers home after our service.

Please sign up by contacting Ashley Detoledo at least 2 weeks in advance for your name to appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin. For more information, contact Ashley Detoledo at 248-546-5955 or [hpfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:hpfirstumc@gmail.com) Checks may be made payable to Ashley Detoledo.

### Worship

If you are unable to attend church in person, remember that a video of our Sunday service is posted on our church website, [hpfirst.org](http://hpfirst.org), every week by Monday morning.

We also have a dedicated phone line where you can listen to our Sunday Worship service without the need for computer or internet. All you need to do is call 248-216-1651 to hear our Sunday worship service. Please let others who need to hear God's word proclaimed know about this service.

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the church office by Sunday evening. Leave a voice message at 248-546-5955, put a note in the mailbox on the office door, or send an email to [hpfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:hpfirstumc@gmail.com). **Thank You!**

**Hearing Assistance Equipment is Available.**

**If you would like to use the equipment,  
please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist you.**

Brian is available by phone/text at 269-274-0029 or by e-mail, except on Friday's.

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### *Our Shared Purpose*

To Embrace All People With Love So that the Individual & Community Can Grow Together & Thrive into the Fullness of Christ

***Rev. Brian Steele***

*Matt Sarns, Praise Team Director*

*Harriet Hardy, Organist*

*Ashley Detoledo Secretary*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner & Chris Collis

**Gratitude's and Joys:** The hospitality of our church, grandkids in church and grandparents.

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