

# Union Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church  
 Sunday December 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.  
 The Fourth Sunday of Advent– Liturgical Color is Purple

## Welcome

*Reverend Dion Jones*

## The Doxology

*Reverend Dion Jones*

## Advent Call to Worship

*Reverend Dion Jones*

## Hymn of Praise

“Angels We Have Heard on High ”

Hymn #118 AMEC Hymnal

*Reverend Dion Jones*

## Invocation

*Reverend Dr. Romaine Williams (Ret.)*

## Choral Response

**Scripture: St. Luke 1:46-55 NIV**

*Reverend Dion Jones*

## The Advent Litany

*Reverend Dion Jones*

## Worship of Music

**Announcements/Birthday Recognitions**

## Acknowledgment of Visitors

## Moments of Fellowship

## The Pastor’s Words

*Reverend Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.*

## Offering

## Sermonic Selection

## The Sermon

*Reverend Raymond F. Edmonds, Jr.*

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

## Altar Call Prayer

## The Doxology

## The Benediction

## The Extinguishing of the Candles

## Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Hymn #118 AMEC Hymnal – Traditional French Carol**

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o’er the plains, And the mountains in reply  
 Echoing their joyous strains. [Refrain]

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be,  
 which inspire your heavenly songs? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee,  
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

See within a manger laid, Jesus Lord of heaven and earth! Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, With  
 us sing our Savior’s birth. [Refrain]

Refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

## The Advent Call to Worship

Leader: In this season of prophecy, promise and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

**People:** *We come to be empowered by the words of the Messiah, who transformed the world and transforms us.*

Leader: We come to listen to the words of hope and peace, joy, promise, victory and love, unconditional love.

**People:** *We come with open ears, open minds and open hearts. We come to receive the blessings God has in store for us in this season of expectation.*

Leader: Come! Let us worship our God—the one who brings all things to fulfillment.

**All:** *Come let us worship Jesus Christ, our Savior, our King and Blessed Redeemer! O Come let us Adore Him—Christ the Lord!*

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent Litany | LOVE

Leader: Let us magnify the Lord, and let our spirit rejoice in God our Savior. For through God's love, God has looked with favor upon us.

**People:** *Love has sought us out, and we open our hearts to receive and to share.*

Leader: God's mercy extends throughout generations, and God has shown strength for us. For through God's love, God has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, and has brought down the powerful from their thrones.

**People:** *Love has sought us out, and we open our hearts to receive and to share.*

Leader: Let us turn our hearts toward love, for through love God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. God has come to our aid and remembers us in God's tender mercy.

**All:** *We light the candle of love today, believing in the power of love to triumph over evil. We wait with great anticipation for Love to take on flesh and dwell among us, and we open our hearts to be ready to receive. Amen.*