

Emmanuel Newsletter Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 19, 2021 Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury, MA

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Dear Friends.

This is the fourth Sunday in Advent in which we read the Magnificat. The beautiful prayer that Mary prayed after the Annunciation in which the Angel Gabriel told that she would conceive a bear a son, Jesus. The prayer begins, "My soul magnifies the Lord." It is an inspiration to us all as we begin the countdown to Christmas Eve when Jesus is born.

As begin the celebration of Jesus' birth, let us also remember those who are in our hearts and on our minds. Those whose Christmas has been marred by the tornadoes in Kentucky, the Syrian refugees who continue to wait for their deliverance from camps, for all those detained by our immigration offices, for those who have lost loved ones to sickness and COVID infections. Let us also rejoice in the birth of KJ Belfon born prematurely this month and who remains in NICU. We pray that he continues to grow and be strong and that his family finds the support and strength needed to sustain them.

We will celebrate Christmas on December 24th at 5:00 pm. We are delighted that Brink Bush has joined our community and will offer his wonderful organ playing and a soloist (TBA). Don't forget to invite your friends.

We will have a quiet service on December 25th at 10 am. No service on December 26th.

May God Bless you and bring you the hope and peace that are hallmarks of this season!

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano, Priest in Residence





PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Brant; Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Hal IV, Anne, Patricia and Kafi. Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.



Join us for Adult Formation and Cofee Hour after the service on Sunday, December 19.



<u>Join us Sundays at 10:00 am, in-person and indoors at Emmanuel Church</u>. You can download the service via our website. Remember to wear a mask!