

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Innes
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Lighting of the Advent Wreath – the Candle of Love Ian, Kristi & Theo Millar
This is the season of holy waiting.
Today we relight the candle of HOPE, PEACE and JOY. As we light the candle of LOVE, signified God’s love through which God sent Jesus Christ to the World.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

The Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5a page 1010 OT

*The Hymn *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* 38
Congregation sings verses 1 & 3

*The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

God, our light, and our salvation, you bring hope and peace to the lowly and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we may love the widow and orphan, that we may work for justice, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation. Teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Response *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* 37
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

The Special Music *Come, Come Immanuel* Althouse
Chancel Choir
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The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45 page 78 NT

The Sermon “Shine the Light of Love” Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical) page 14 hymnal

The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Angels We Have Heard on High* Ore
One License # 20386

*The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *Joy to the World* 40
Congregation sings verses 1 & 2

*The Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
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* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Songs and broadcast covered by:
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Our guest musician today is Laurel Taipale, organ & piano

SERRV Sale

The SERRV merchandise is displayed in the gathering area. We have many new items and wonderful gift ideas. Please consider shopping and supporting the artisans. 25 % of the proceeds will go to support the Mission projects we as a congregation contribute to throughout the year. Cash or check only.



Join us on **Christmas Eve** for
Services of Lessons and Carols
6:30 p.m.

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Finance Updates

Estimates of Giving

Thank you to those of you who have submitted an Estimate of Giving Card for 2022. So far, we have received Estimates of Giving from 51 families, we sent out 170 cards. That means 30% of folks have responded. We know not everyone is able to plan their giving for the next year, but if you do plan to give, please consider completing an estimate of giving card. It helps the finance committee put together the budget. Additionally, these Estimates of Giving will be very helpful for 2022 when we hope to have salary discussions with pastoral candidates.

Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes are ready for those who requested them for 2022. Please see the table in the Gathering Area.

Requesting Offering Envelopes

If you did not complete an Estimate of Giving card and would like offering envelopes, please stop by the table in the Gathering Area and request envelopes.

Tracking Contributions

If you are a regular worshiper or member of the congregation, we typically track giving and send a statement at the end of the year for records and tax purposes. Giving is tracked; if you complete an estimate of giving card, if you use envelopes, or if you consistently write a check. If you are a newer worshiper with our congregation and have never received a statement, your contributions might not be tracked. If you would like to receive statements beginning in 2022, please stop by the table in the Gathering Area.

2021 End of Year Contributions

The IRS requires that donors must hand deliver or mail (the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2021) to claim a deduction for 2021. Giving in 2022 and predating a check for 2021 does not qualify for a 2021 deduction.



Poinsettias



In Memory of

Kathy Hoepfner

Rev. Ken Anderson

Edward Ofori - Behome

Robert & Iris Poplewski
Keith & Helen Gross

Ann & Ellis Ivey
Dr. & Mrs. Reid Calcott Jr.

Our Parents

Anne & Hamilton Easton

Our Parents

William & Ella Alber

Given by

Dale Hoepfner

Ruth Anderson

Pastor Philomena

Alan & Linda Poplewski

Reid Calcott

Pete & Ginny Brucker

Kitty Myers & Barbara Easton

Mike & Deanna Patton

Jody, Sonia, Lexi & Ethan