

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

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.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* Traditional Carol

Lighting of the Advent Wreath-The Candle of Love Luke 1:47-52
Ian & Kristi 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.

We watch for the One who scatters the proud and lifts us the lowly. We wait for the day when our spirit will rejoice to know God's favor. We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky. Come let us walk in the light of God!

The Hymn of Praise *People, Look East* (verses 1&4) 12

The Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Response *Come Thou Long Expected* (verse 2)
Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Special Music *What Child is This* Dix
Fred Herter, Genie Herter & Ann Horn

The Word of God

The Time with the Children Peggy Knutson

The Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

The Sermon "Mary and the Special Visitor" Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed Ecumenical
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The Prayer of Dedication

The Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1 & 5) 4

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Good King Wenceslas* Neale

12. People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

44. O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

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