

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Lance Ness

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children up to 9 years old
*All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS “Shepherds, Rejoice” arrangement: Robert Powell
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God’s Word and for God’s glory.

DECEMBER MISSION: Angels & Hearts Tree

INTROIT: “Give Thanks O Christian People”

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

Our souls magnify the Lord,
and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.
God has done great things. Holy is God’s name!
God’s mercy is for all who fear the Lord,
God’s love from generation to generation!
Let us worship God together.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Candle of Love

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Light of World”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*HYMN: #41, Vs. 1 & 3 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Living God, You beckon us to wake from our sleep: to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign, the injustice of our world, and the gap in between. You call us to follow in the path of your love. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way, the successful way, the nice way, the friendly way, the comfortable way. Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us to follow the Way of justice and love. Amen.

(Moment of Silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire to amend our ways. God acknowledges the forces that separate us from Him, and brings us peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and a life lived in the presence of God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

THE PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:5-20 (Pew Bible Page 56)

Liturgist

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

ANTHEM: “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible Page 56)

Liturgist

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

SERMON: “Hear and Respond”

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*HYMN: #53 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) “What Child Is This”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING and CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION: “Doxology”

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #23 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Lance Ness

*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE: “Il Est Né “ arrangement: Robert J. Powell

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis