

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Rev. Mark Piedmonte, Pastor
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Schubert Ave Maria

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER MISSION MOMENT: Angel & Heart Tree

INTROIT: “Mary Did You Know” (insert)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: A Little Love

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES – Readers: The Nickel Family

Leader: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: As the Lord has promised, in days to come:

The Lord will give you a sign.

Look, the young woman is with child.

Leader: She shall bear a son,

All: and name him Emmanuel: “God is with us.”

(All four candles are now lit)

***OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (PH #16)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: Mighty God, we confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name and hear this wonderful news again: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: “People Look East” (PH #12)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray, asking the Spirit's guidance in understanding the Scriptures:

All: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 1: 26-56

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE: Songs of the Season – Hope, Peace, Joy & Love

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

*Week 4: **1...2...3...4!***

***HYMN:** “My Soul Gives Glory to My God.” (see insert)

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed (Please remain standing)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive):

Leader: Hear us, O God. **All: your mercy is great**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION:

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Love Has Come” (insert)

***BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE:** Liszt Weihnachtsbaum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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11:00am	TRADITIONAL Worship Service – Sanctuary; Greeter - Debi Cook, Deacon

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Wednesday, Dec 22	Pastor Hrs. 10am-3pm
Thursday Dec 23	Bible Study 6pm; Choir 7:30pm
Friday, Dec 24	Messy Christmas 3pm; Service of Lessons and Carols 7pm
Saturday, Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Sunday, Dec 26	Rev. Kerry Shull in the pulpit for 11am service* *NOTE: no 9am Service on 12/26
Sunday, Jan 9	FAMILY MOVIE: How the Grinch Stole Christmas at Flagship Theater. Time TBD BLENDED SERVICE 10am Service of Ordination/Installation of 2022 Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees

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- **HOW THE GRINCH FOUND THE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS – a Christmas children’s play, Sunday December 19th 10:15am** Come early or stay late for service and enjoy a play put on by our youth! Let’s all our hearts grow three sizes to prepare room for Jesus!
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Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new?
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Will give sight to a blind man?
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Did you know that your baby boy
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When you've kissed your little baby
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SONG OF PRAISE: MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD

My soul gives glory to my God,
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
In many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me:
Yes, holy is this Name.
All people will declare me blessed,
And blessings they shall claim.

From age to age to all who fear,
Such mercy love imparts,
Dispensing justice far and near,
Dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones,
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Leaves hungry spirits satisfied;
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See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

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