



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024 10:30 a.m.



A Room with a View of Love

In this Advent season, how can our churches become houses where the Holy will be born anew—offering respite, sustenance and care, opening the doors ever wider to those seeking shelter from the onslaught of life? No one church can do it all, but each can do something. As we study the biblical prophets that call us to care for our neighbors and “make room in the inn,” the lonely and frightened spaces within us are filled with the light of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

We give thanks for our guest musician, Adrian LePique, made possible through the Art and Lorrain Edinger Memorial Music Fund

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Setting by Dallas Blair
"People, Look East" Setting by Dallas Blair
Adrian LePique, Trumpet

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "He Is Born!" Derek K. Hakes
Chancel Ringers

*LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The Wentzien Family

Musical score for "Lighting the Advent Candle of Love" in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Love waits for us at Ad-vent. Love waits for us to care. Love waits for our com-pas-sion, free-ly off-ered, ful-ly shared. In this time of pre-par-a-tion for the work of co-cre-a-tion, for the birth-ing of a world where faith shapes all we do, Love is born in us a-new." The score includes chord symbols above the notes: A, D, Em, Cmaj7, Asus, A, G2, D/F#, Em7, D/F#, G2, D/F#, G, A, Bm, C, G, D2, Em7, D/F#, G, G/B, Bm, A, D. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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*PASSING THE PEACE:

The Peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "Love Has Come" #110 *Glory to God Hymnal*

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 5: 2-5a Pew Bible p.754

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" Traditional Spiritual; Arr. Hart Morris

"Glory to the Newborn King" Based on tune Mendelssohn; Dan R. Edwards

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1: 46-55 Pew Bible p.832

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CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "My Soul Give Glory to My God" #119 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**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 God's 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, promotes the insecure,
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.**

**Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,
remembering past promises with present faithfulness.**

CHORAL ANTHEMS

"O Come, Emmanuel"

Elaine Hagenberg

"Noel, Noel"

Linda Spevacek

Megan Richmann, Violin

"The Colors of Christmas"

John Rutter

"An Angelic Christmas Medley"

Arr. Greg Gilpin

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER: "Gloria" #756 *New Century Hymnal* (sing both verses)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

³Dm Gm C F ⁴Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

YOUTH ANTHEM

"Bethlehem Star" Words by Susan Bentall Boersma; Music by David Lantz III
Chole Jennings and Aubrey Mees; Megan Richmann, Violin

OFFERTORY "The Coventry Carol" English Melody; Arr. Andrew Wright
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #782 *New Century Hymnal*

**To God, all glorious heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CONGREGATIONAL CAROL "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!**

**Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; sing all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! Refrain**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory give;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain**

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Gigue on "Joy to the World" George Federic Handel, Archangelo Corelli;
Setting by Sondra K. Tucker
Adrian LePique, Trumpet

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

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