

For Prayer & Contemplation

We already possess all the gifts we need;
we've already received our presents,
ears to hear music, eyes to behold lights,
hands to build true peace on earth
and to hold each other tight in love.
--Victoria Stafford

Welcome & Sharing Information

Bidding Prayer

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.

***Hymn No. 133** "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Lighting of the Advent Candle (The Carson Family)

One: This Advent, we remember that with you, all things are possible.

**All: Show us the creative power of hope.
Give us your peace that passes all understanding.
Deliver us from sorrow into joy.
Teach us to love this world and all people as you love us.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.**

One: Let us welcome Christ into our hearts and homes this Advent.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Lesson 1: Creation (Maggie Carson)

Genesis 2:18-23 (Old Testament pg. 2; Large Print pg. 3)

Anthem: "West Indies Carol" - arr. Hart Morris - Tyler Bell Choir

Lesson 2: Promise (Matthew Hwang)

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Old Testament pg. 638; Large Print pgs. 780-4)

Anthem: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" – arr. Davis - Sanctuary Choir

Lesson 3: Servant (Darlene Jacobson)

Isaiah 53:1-6, 11-12 (Old Testament pg. 683-4; Large Print pg. 836-7)

***Hymn No. 145** "What Child is This?"

Lesson 4: Faith (Dave Nicastro)

Luke 1:26-38 (New Testament pgs. 56-7; Large Print pg. 69)

Anthem: "Magnificat" – arr. Stainer - Sanctuary Choir

Invitation to Offering

***Doxology No. 606**

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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.

Lesson 5: Grace (Barbara Wallace)

Matthew 1:18-25 (New Testament pg. 1; Large Print pg. 1)

Anthem: "He Is Born" - arr. Sherman - Tyler Bell Choir

Lesson 6: Gospel (John Fitzpatrick)

Luke 2:1-20 (New Testament pg. 58; Large Print pg. 71)

***Hymn No. 147** "The First Nowell"

Closing Litany: Light

John 1:1-14 (Old Testament pgs. 91-92; Large Print pg. 111)

One: In the beginning was the Word,
All: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

One: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him,

All: and without him not one thing came into being.

One: What has come into being in him was life,

All: and the life was the light of all people.

One: The light shines in the darkness,

All: and the darkness did not overcome it.

One: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

All: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

One: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

***Hymn No. 134** (vs. 1-4) "Joy to the World"

Postlude "Joy to the World" - arr. Held

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Advent Candle Lighters	The Carson Family
Liturgists	Maggie Carson, Matthew Hwang, Darlene Jacobson, Dave Nicastro, Barbara Wallace, John Fitzpatrick
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick, Jeff Downing
Coffee Hr. Host	Mike Lowe



Music Notes

Today's postlude comes from "A Nativity Suite" by organist/composer Wilbur Held. We thank all our readers, Tyler Bell Choir and Sanctuary Choir members for sharing lessons and carols with us this morning.

Merry Christmas

Join us on Christmas Eve at 7 PM for our Annual Christmas Pageant (RSVP required) and again at 11 PM for our Candlelight Worship service. Worship on Sunday, December 26th will be Hymns & Carols. Merry Christmas and God bless you!



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> December 19-26	
<i>Sunday</i> December 19	10 AM Worship – Sanctuary/Livestreamed 11 AM Youth Group Cookie Exchange & Christmas Party – Social Hall & Memorial Lounge
<i>Monday</i> December 20	
<i>Tuesday</i> December 21	6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall
<i>Wednesday</i> December 22	
<i>Thursday</i> December 23	
<i>Friday</i> December 24	Christmas Eve 7 PM Christmas Pageant - Sanctuary 11 PM Candlelight Worship Service – Sanctuary
<i>Saturday</i> December 25	Christmas Day
<i>Sunday</i> December 26	10 AM Hymns & Carols – Sanctuary/Livestreamed



LESSONS & CAROLS

"God's Open House"

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10 AM Worship Service
December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent
Rev. Drew Harrison