

For Prayer & Contemplation

Come all ye faithful, and all ye who would like to be faithful if only you could, all ye who walk in darkness and hunger for light. Have faith enough, hope enough, despair enough, foolishness enough, at least to draw near to see for yourselves.
-Frederick Buechner

Welcome & Sharing Information *Please sign the Fellowship Pad.*

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.

Prelude "Joy to the World" - Handel, arr. Stephenson
Tyler Bell Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle *(Gene Cressman & Bobbi Wilkins)*

All: Come to us, Lord, Be with us as days grow cold,
as loneliness empties the world of color,
and we yearn for something better.
Fill us with your incarnate love.
Prepare us to be transformed by your presence.
And help us to welcome your Son,
as you come to be with us.

One: Jesus proclaimed to us: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Amen.

Lesson 1: *Not Meant to Be Alone* *(Renee Sheridan)*

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

Anthem "Of the Father's Love Begotten" -
Divinum Mysterium Sanctuary Choir

Lesson 2: *You Will Be My People* *(Jacob Hwang)*

Leviticus 26: 5-13 (Old Testament pg. 2; Large Print pg. 3)

***Hymn No. 104** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Lesson 3: *Through Water and Fire* *(Dave Nicastro)*

Isaiah 43: 1-8 (Old Testament pg. 672; Large Print pg. 822)

Anthem: "Masters in This Hall" - French carol, arr. Sherman
Tyler Bell Choir

Lesson 4: *Bone of our Bone* *(Barbara Wallace)*

Luke 1: 26-38 (New Testament pgs. 56-57; Large Print pg. 69)

Anthem: "Magnificat" - Kosche 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**

Generous God, you fill us with good things. In thanks, we offer you our hands, our hearts, and our treasures. Use all our gifts so that this world might be transformed by your love. Amen.

Lesson 5: *God is With Us* *(Maggie Carson)*

Matthew 1: 18-25 (New Testament pg. 1; Large Print pgs. 1-2)

Anthem: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - arr. Raney
Sanctuary Ensemble

Lesson 6: *Good News of Great Joy* *(Darlene Jacobson)*

Luke 2: 8-20 (New Testament pg. 58; Large Print pg. 71)

***Hymn No. 113** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Closing Litany: *The Word Became Flesh*

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.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

***Benediction Hymn 136** "Go Tell it on the Mountain"
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn

Postlude "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" - arr.
Rowland-Raybold

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

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Advent Candle Lighters	Gene Cressman & Bobbi Wilkins
Liturgists	Renee Sheridan, Jacob Hwang, Dave Nicastro, Barbara Wallace, Maggie Carson, Darlene Jacobson
Ushers	Vicki & Jeff Downing



Music Notes

Today's postlude is Roberta Rowland-Raybold's 2018 arrangement of the tune "Regent Square," originally written by Henry Smart and named in honor of the Presbyterian church in London where he was serving as organist at the time. We thank our readers, the Tyler Bell Choir, the Sanctuary Choir, and the Sanctuary Ensemble for sharing the story of Lessons and Carols this morning.

Birthday Blessings



<i>This Week's Birthdays</i>	
December 18	Jill Waselik
December 19	Elizabeth Conroy
December 20	Lynne Lowe
December 20	Sam Langlois
December 21	Caroline Conroy
December 22	Merrie Owen
December 22	April Staman
December 22	Lois Miller
December 23	Evelyn Crompton
December 23	Jean Brod
December 23	Marissa Lovelace
December 24	David Owens



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> December 18-25	
<i>Sunday</i> December 18	10 AM Worship – Sanctuary/Livestreamed, Lessons & Carols, Sunshine Singers 11:15am, Youth Group Christmas Party 5pm
<i>Monday</i> December 19	
<i>Tuesday</i> December 20	Third Meal 5:30pm, 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
<i>Wednesday</i> December 21	Sparrow Chorale 6:30pm, Blue Christmas Worship 7pm,
<i>Thursday</i> December 22	Trustees Meeting 9am, Sanctuary Choir 8pm
<i>Friday</i> December 23	
<i>Saturday</i> December 24	Books & Breakfast 6am, Christmas Pageant 7pm, Candlelight Worship Service 11pm
<i>Sunday</i> December 25	10 AM Casual Christmas PJ Service– Sanctuary/Livestreamed



Join us on Christmas Eve at 7 PM for our Annual Christmas Pageant and again at 11 PM for our Candlelight Worship service. Worship on Sunday, December 25th will be a casual PJ service. Merry Christmas and God bless you!



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10 AM Worship Service
 December 18, 2022
 4th Sunday of Advent
 Rev. Drew Harrison