



Fourth Sunday in Advent — December 22, 2024

***Preparing our Hearts***

*O Come All Ye Faithful  
Go Tell It On The Mountain  
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Welcome and the Life of the Church

*Away In a Manger*

Centering Ourselves for Worship (*adapted from Psalm 80*)

***A Prayer for Love and 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.*

Scripture Lesson      Micah 5:2-5a

Children's Message

— The Congregation Sings, "What does the Lord require of you?"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Sharing our Gifts & Mission Celebration

***Preparing Ourselves to Hear the Word Proclaimed***

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Scripture Lesson      Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

Sermon      "Sharing in the Love"

***Being Sent out into the World***

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

## Declaration of Faith — *The Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## Charge & Benediction

### ***The Advent Season***

*Advent marks the beginning of a new season in the life of the church and is when the church calendar 'resets'. Advent derives from the Latin word meaning, 'arrival' or 'to come' speaking to the moment of Christ being born into the world. It's in this season that we dwell on what the Incarnation means — and why God becoming flesh — is important; full of hope, peace, joy, and love. As we move through this familiar narrative, we are reminded once again of the rhythms of faith — the seasons of waiting, the seasons of anticipation, the seasons of expectation, and the seasons of celebration and festival. Join as we embark on another journey to Bethlehem, taking note of who and how the Good News of the Gospel comes to the ordinary, yet beloved, people of God.*

*Leading in worship today:*

*Musicians — Music Dir. Roger Sullins, Art Mickelson, Jeff Jinks, Avery Franks,  
Pete DiFranco, Sara Hendry, Naomi Sullins*

*Technicians — Michael Prichard, Thom Vanderklipp, Howell Morrison*

*Video & Production — Beth DeBevoise, Scott Wilson*

*Pastors — Rev. Kenny Hubbell*

We're grateful that you're here!

We consider worship a time to gather as the family of God. We carry to this place all of life's joys and challenges, sharing with each other and supporting one another as we go.

While it takes time to feel connected to each other and sometimes longer to feel connected to God, we hope that this will be a community where you will feel encouraged, taught, and inspired to know and show God's love.



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