

THE CHURCH GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

December 21, 2014

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m.

We believe that worship is essential to our faith. When we gather, we gather in the midst of God. His Spirit inspires us and directs our fellowship with each other and with Him. May you find the joy of God's love and grace as we share this time together.

We would also ask that in consideration of other worshipers, please turn off, or switch to silent mode, all paging and cellular devices.

Hearing Assistance devices are available from any usher.

WELCOME TO WORSHIPERS and MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Hodge Family

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:1-5

New Testament Reading – John 3:16-18

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

INVOCATION

Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 85

The First Nowell

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeff Allen

*HYMN NO. 101

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sarah Talley

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Doxology

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Kneeling in Bethlehem

ANTHEM

Our Joy and Hearts' Delight

Harlan

Now let us sing of Jesus and think what brought Him here; for clad in human plainness, God's only Son drew near.

He came to us in shadow to bring the world His light; all through the year 'til Christmas, He is our hearts' delight.

For He is our joy and our hearts' delight on this wondrous day, on this sparkling night;

For He wins our love and commands our praise, for with every glance at Jesus, we see the Father's face.

Now let us sing of Jesus, the man who once was Boy, the One who gives us peace that nothing can destroy.

He came to conquer evil, to make all wrongs seem right; all through the year 'til Christmas, He is our hearts' delight.

ANTHEM

Advent of Our King

Curry

The advent of our King, our prayers must now employ. Hymns of welcome sing, raise we songs of joy!

The everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be; servant form takes on to set his servants free.

Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel; Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

Heirs of Zion rise to meet your Servant King, nor let heart despise peace He comes to bring.

Redeemer of the light, He soon will come again, scattered saints unite with Him in heaven to reign.

Before the dawning day, let sinful deeds be gone; old self put away, the new self put on.

All glory to the Son who comes to set us free, with Creator, Spirit, One eternally.

ANTHEM

Go to the Manger

Sterling

One small lantern's tiny glow bears a gentle light to a manger bed below on this radiant night.

Jesus, humble holy lamb, born to save the race of man, quietly sleeping in peace on your bed of hay.

Shepherd resting in the hills, wake your weary eyes. Listen as the evening fills with angelic cries.

Dread not what you see and hear. They are bringing news of cheer: Born unto you this day, Jesus Christ the Lord!

Go to the manger, bow and pray. Worship the infant as he lay.

Go to the manger now you'll find Jesus, the Savior of mankind.

Woman, man, and child draw near to this wondrous scene. Lay aside all doubt and fear, bow before the King.

Worship him with all you are, body, mind, and soul, and heart. Wonderful mystery, God's own begotten Son.

ANTHEM

Somebody's Talkin' Bout Jesus

Krogstadt

Everywhere I go, Everywhere I go, my Lord; Everywhere I go, somebody's talkin' 'bout Jesus.

They turned away Mary and Joseph from the inn. Born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Born, born of the Virgin Mary. Born, born in Bethlehem.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

ANTHEM

Song of Bethlehem

Ijames

O hear the song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, and hear the news that came to them from angels in the air.

The angels sang of Bethlehem, of Jesus and His birth, a song of joy and praise to God, of peace upon the earth.

Alleluia, Alleluia, the angels sang, Alleluia, Alleluia, of peace upon the earth.

O hear the song of Galilee where Jesus lived and grew, then healed the sick and raised the dead to give them life anew;

Where at His word the wind and seas obeyed the Master's will, when Jesus calmed the angry waves, and whispered, "Peace be still."

O sing the song of Calvary, the Lamb, the cross, the grave, and sing of how the risen Lamb is mighty now to save,

Alleluia, Alleluia, the angels sang, Alleluia, Alleluia. He is mighty now to save! This babe was born to save.

All readings taken from *In Search of Kneeling Places* by Ann Weems, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993

HYMN NO. 105

Child In the Manger

BUNESSAN

*BENEDICTION

Pastor

RESPONSE

Emmanuel

McGee

POSTLUDE

A Carol Medley

arr. Smith

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today

9:00 a.m.
9:45
11:00
1:30 p.m.

Monday

10:00 a.m.
7:00

Tuesday

10:00 a.m.
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

5:00 p.m.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

7:00 a.m.

Re:Creation Worship Service
Sunday School
Morning Worship
Prison Ministry - Downtown Jail

Bible Study
Boy Scout Troop 907

Grace Notes
Junior Coed Basketball

Office Closed
Christmas Eve Service

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A Men's Bible Study



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