

Order of Service for the 4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Prelude "Come, All You Shepherds" arr. John Leavitt

Welcome

Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

We enter this season of waiting by lighting the candle for Hope, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

**We open ourselves to hear your call - the call to keep hope alive no matter the troubles we face. Help us to never lose hope and to offer hope to all around us, making our lives and the lives of others a brighter place. Fill us with your hope and light, and make the world so calm and bright.**

Song "One Candle Is Lit"



Come sure - ly, Lord Je - sus, as dawn fol - lows night, our hearts long to  
Come quick - ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare for a gift that com -  
Come, fes - tive - ly sing while a - wait - ing the birth, join an - gels in  
Come, wan - der where li - on and lamb gent - ly play, where e - vil is



greet you, as ros - es, the light. Sal - va - tion, draw near us, our  
pels us with jus - tice to care. Our spir - its are rest - less till  
danc - ing from heav - en to earth. Wave ban - ners of good news, lift  
ban - ished and faith takes the day, a babe in a man - ger to



vi - sion en - gage. One can - dle is lit for the hope of the age.  
sin and war cease. One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.  
high thank - ful praise. One can - dle is lit for the joy of these days.  
fool the world's eyes. One can - dle is lit for God's lov - ing sur - prise.

Morning Prayers

Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

Anthem "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Paul Wohlgemuth

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-7 (pew bible pg. 1590)

Christmas Story Jacob's Gift Max Lucaado

Anthem "Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow" arr. Roger Emerson

A Time for Silent Prayer

Response (*singing*)

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Offering

Hymn No. 130 "Joy to the World!"

Blessing

Postlude

**Today's Greeters:** Pat Hamilton, Pam Carey

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**TCC Prayers and Blessings:**

The family of Robert C. True, Jr., father of Rob True, on his passing.

Sandy Anderson; Melanie Stewart; Midge Crow; Paul Salvas; Jim Stewart; Becky McGrath;  
Karen Antonio; Pat Wedge; Mal Haskins; Margaret Blake; Richie Chiasson

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