

Order of the Worship Service
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024, 10:00am
Rev. John Welton, preaching

Prelude

Choral Prelude

Sanctuary Choir, Tom Kyser, director

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

All: Thanks be to the God of light.

One: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

All: Thanks be to the God of peace.

One: In the midst of strife and stress, God comforts and soothes us.

All: Let us praise God who truly loves us and brings us new life.

*Opening Hymn (see insert) MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Mighty God, we confess, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: The light of God's love shines upon each of us in the gift of God's love, Jesus Christ. This is given for you. Rejoice! You are loved by God, now and forever.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Moment for Children "Special Christmas Music" *Gracie Goldman*

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading (p. 53-54 in pew bible)

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 29

'GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Blessing