

Service Of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Musical Worship Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

*Striking of the Hour

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us magnify the Lord; let us rejoice in God our savior.

People: Great and mighty is the Lord, and holy is the Name of God.

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Children's Story Time

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

The Auburn Griffin Family

LEADER: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk-in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

CONGREGATION: Why do we light five candles?

LEADER: The First Candle reminds us of the hope of the prophets. The Second Candle reminds us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable as God's love was revealed. The third candle reminds us of the great light and joy which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus' birth. The Fourth candle reminds us of the light of the stars in the sky which guided the Wisemen to Jesus and the promise of "peace on earth, goodwill to men." Today we also light the white Christmas candle in remembrance of Christ's birth.

UNISON: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. Now we light the Christmas candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again; and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

***UNISON PRAYER:** Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby; yet we know that you are God, and you are with us. May the flame of these candles remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk-in darkness, but will have the true light of life. Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

O HOLY NIGHT

Away in a Manger

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

O Holy Night

Angels, We Have Heard on High

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Ensemble

Congregation

Choir

Congregation

Ensemble

Morning Prayer

WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

Scripture

Sermon

Christmas Delivery

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Burmahl

WORSHIP THROUGH DEDICATION

*Hymn of Dedication

Joy to the World

*Chiming of the Trinity

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

*All who are able please stand

Welcome! We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5th grade leave following the Offertory.

Sunday: 10:00 Sunday School.

10:55 Worship Service.

4:30 Youth Play Practice

6:00 Children Christmas Program

Tuesday: 3:00 Caroling – We will be going to various church members homes to share the joy of Christmas.

Be sure to check the **Christmas Card Exchange** box located in the Narthex before you leave today to get any cards addressed to you.

Please stay safe and know I pray for you every night. I so appreciate all the cards, etc. you do for me. You are the best! *Love, Beryl*

We bring our food cart to the altar today: as a symbolic gesture, for the blessing, and as a reminder for us. Have you donated **soup and crackers**? Personal hygiene items are helpful. Many thanks for your loving and consistent donations.

Thanks to everyone who donated Poinsettias to the Church. They made the Sanctuary beautiful during this Christmas season. Please remember to pick them up today and take home for your enjoyment.

Memorials have been made to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Kenneth Cotten** by: Kim and Tony Reece, Harriet George, Ralph and Ann Kelly, Timothy and Cynthia Loftus; to the Cemetery Fund in memory of **Kenneth Cotten** by: Carmella Godfrey and Wayne and Linda Barber.

STRING ENSEMBLE

Violin

Miriam Bryant
Karen Huey

Viola

Emily Troutman

Cello

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