

## Service Of Worship

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 2022**

### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE**

Musical Worship Prelude/Lighting of Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Willie Bird

\*Time of Greeting/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**

#### **Lighting of the Third Advent Candle**

The Anthony Johnson 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."

**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 have come to worship him. Now we light the Christmas candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior 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.**

\*Song Light a Candle in the Night Choir

**\*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.**

#### **Morning Prayer**

*\*\*\*Children are dismissed for Children's Worship Time\*\*\**

## A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

By

**James Dixon Kimball**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

He Is Born

Away in a Manger

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Holy Night

The Snow Lay on the Ground

Angels We Have Heard on High

### **CHOIR**

#### **Soprano**

Candi Adcock

Shannon Godfrey

Glenna Hess

Carrie Johnson

Barbara Norris

Judy Watson

#### **Alto**

Lauren Godfrey

Savannah Godfrey

Mary Griffin

Beth Haas

Laura Jones

Rachel McKenzie

Jackie Thomas

#### **Tenor**

Willie Bird

Joy Murphy

Julie Southwick

Mike Tannenbaum

#### **Bass**

Jeremy Currin

John Haas

Keaton Haas

### **INSTRUMENTALIST**

First Violin – Marian Bryant

Second Violin – Debbie White

Viola – Karen Huey

Cello – Elizabeth Crandall

Cello/Bass – Jessica Dunham

Piano – John Godfrey

Organ – Patricia Thomas

Director – Earl Murphy

### **WORSHIP THROUGH DEDICATION**

Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Choral Response

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

\*All who are able please stand

Dr. Burmahl

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade leave following the Offertory.

**Sunday: 10:00 Sunday School**  
**10:55 Worship Service.**  
**5:00 Youth**  
**6:00 Children's Christmas Program**

**Next Sunday: 10:00 Christmas Worship Service**

**6:00 Youth Christmas Program** Please come and support our youth at the Youth Christmas program. Afterwards we will go to the Fellowship Building. If you can, bring a crockpot of something good to share while we wait for our special visitor.

**Wednesday 3:00 Caroling** – Meet at the church to go to various church member's home to share the joy of Christmas. We will meet back at the Fellowship Hall to enjoy some refreshments and fellowship.

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

Today we are collecting the **Christmas Gift for Jesus** special offering. This offering will go toward the updating of McFarland Hall for our youth. You can donate in person, after the service today, or through our website by clicking the donate button and selecting Christmas Offering. The proceeds will help us update McFarland Hall for our youth and children's ministries.



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