

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*O come, Designer of the Universe, gather us up in your arms and twirl us around and around in your joy.  
O come to us, and live with us, this day and forever, Emmanuel. O come! Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jane Fahle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Tom & Kelly Weaver

(All) *Loving God, come and shine your light in the world! We will go forth from this place in hope, in peace, in joy and in love.*

\*INTROIT #88

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1)*

Helmore, 1852

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing, people of God. Sing of God's steadfast love forever!

*With our mouths we will proclaim the Lord's faithfulness to all generations.*

Declare that steadfast love is forever established.

*Christ is coming! We must prepare the way!*

A covenant has been made with the Chosen One, and God has sworn to it.

*God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. So we will sing God's of steadfast love!*

\*HYMN# 88

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v 5, 6, 7)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Advent is the time to prepare; Advent is the time to watch and wait; Advent is the time to open our hearts to God. Let us confess our individual sins, and our corporate sin to the God of mercy. We will confess, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, you have given us so much, as we have failed to be faithful. You give us mystery, and we deny its power. You give us wisdom, and we behave foolishly. You shower us with blessings, and we sell them for the sake of our own vain desires. Forgive us, Holy One. Help us to do what is right, and say what is true, and love as you love. Give us the mind of Christ so that we might bring peace to this world. We pray in the name of your Son. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, the good news is this: while we make of this earth a poor thing, God, in the form of a Child, is coming into the world. Hear the gospel – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*My spirit rejoices in God my Savior! My soul magnifies my Lord! Amen.*

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

#579

ANTHEM

*"Come Join The Angels Singing"  
Chancel Choir*

arr. by Hopson

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

Bibles, p.268 / LG. p.349

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #98

*"To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary"  
December Hymn of the Month*

Grindal, 1982

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38

Bibles, p.2 / LG. p.2

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"The Obedience of a Teenager"*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does it mean that Jesus was "conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary?"

*"First, that being born of a woman, Jesus was truly a human being. Second, that our Lord's incarnation was a holy and mysterious event, brought about solely by free divine grace, surpassing any human possibilities. And third, that from the very beginning of his life on earth, Jesus was set apart by his unique origin for the sake of accomplishing our salvation." This, we believe. Amen.*

– Adapted from the Study Catechism Q. 32

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER FOR OUR 2015 PLEDGES, LIFTED TO GOD

Bill Stanley

*Sending*

\*HYMN #140                      *“Once in David’s Royal City” (v. 1 -3)*                      Alexander, 1848

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #140                      *“Once in David’s Royal City” (v. 4)*

POSTLUDE

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Tolly, Jane, Diane & Mike Diill, Kelly Weaver’s sister, Neil Pennal, Kim Pennal, Debbie Murphy, Jack Clark, Billie Manck, Joyce Huggins, all those traveling for the holiday

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wed. 12/24	5:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
12/24-26	Offices Closed for Christmas	
12/28	9:45 a.m.	No Sunday School
12/28	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Jimmy Chapman preaching

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