

Large Print Bulletin & Hymns

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Welcome To
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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 18, 2022
4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 AM Worship Service/Cantata**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNARY “Greensleeves” arr. Stanley Roper

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Lift every valley, lift every voice.

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,”
and pass it toward the center isle.)*

*HYMN #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful” ADESTE FIDELES
(stanzas 1,2,3)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: **O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created! *Refrain***

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *Refrain***

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE;
Lighting the Candle—Terry & Elizabeth Curkan
The reader offers words about the candle of love.

RESPONSE

MUELLER

All singing: **The candle of love tells us of our worth:
God loves us so much, that He came to the earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be
The one who would save us and set us all free.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful
of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story
points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise
and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on
things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great
joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born.
Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can
be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have
given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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.**

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Festival of Christmas
by Mary McDonald

Overture
Christmas, Sing Noel

O Come, Emmanuel
(tune: VENNI EMMANUEL)
Claudia Mitcham, alto; Kay Ferguson, soprano

This Joyful Christmas Day

The Midnight Clear
(tune: MORNING SONG)

The Snow Lay on the Ground

(tune: VENITE ADOREMUS)

O Holy Night
(tune: CANTIQUE DE NOEL)
Michele White, Soprano

Noel
Rachelle Cox, soprano; Dennis Rasmussen, tenor

Go Tell the News
Barbara Jordan, alto; Randy Ball, tenor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN #119 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

**Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God head see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”**

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,
feel free to remain seated*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
David Furr, Organist