

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Une Vierge Pucelle

Nicholas le Bégue

INTROIT

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph
Chancel Choir

ANNUNCIATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Candle of St. Matthew will be lit by Lane and Ashleigh Orttenburger
with Aiden, Elliot and Charlie.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Luke 1:46a-55)

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord,

People: And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior;

Leader: For, God has looked with favor on us, his lowly servants;

People: The Mighty One has done great things for us, and holy is his name.

Leader: He has filled the hungry with good things.

People: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones.

Leader: His mercy is for those who revere him, from generation to generation.

People: In remembrance of his mercy, He has helped His people, according to His promise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father: we confess our blindness to Your coming Kingdom; our pride which dares not admit that it is wrong; our self-righteousness which knows no fault; our callousness which ceases to care; our defiance which does not regret sins; our evasion which always tries to make excuses; and our hearts which are too hardened to repent. Grant to us, O Lord, Your forgiveness, and make us ready to celebrate Your coming kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM

Will We Know Him?
Chancel Choir

Don Besig

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-55

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Curtis Christian

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Midwinter

CRANHAM

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Drop Down, O Heavens
Chancel Choir

Clark Kimberling

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn

Walther

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received today.

Today's Lay Reader is Philip Gump.