

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

arr. L. Petersen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The candle of Love will be lit by Lynn Shearon, Amy and Parker Robinson.

INTROIT

Forever I Will Sing the Goodness of the Lord (from Psalm 89)

M. Guimont

Isaac and Madelynne Brooks, soloists

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 80:1-7)

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

People: You who lead Joseph like a flock!

Leader: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

People: Stir up Your might, and come to save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*HYMN #53

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, O God, that we act as though Your Kingdom is far away. We have done many wicked things, we have neglected doing many loving things, and we are not worthy to be called Your disciples. We are sorry that we have thought, said, and done such foolishness. Now, we turn from our sins. Wipe out all our old, selfish desires, so that we may reflect Your love and truly worship You. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

How Far Is It to Bethlehem?
Jordan Durham, soloist

Mack Wilberg

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-55

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Casting Down the Mighty

Joel Stanley

*HYMN INSERT

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout CANTICLE OF THE TURNING

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Joy Offering

David Coleman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #58

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
verses 1 and 2

WINCHESTER OLD

*HYMN #31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
verses 1 and 2

MENDELSSOHN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

*POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

arr. W. Held

*Those who are able, please stand

Welcome and thanks to Dr. Kris Kean and Charis Ballard, flutes