

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
“Be still and know that I am God.”*

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude “Two Carols” arr. Kidwell

* Call to Worship

L: Our souls magnify the Lord!
P: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
L: The Mighty One has done great things for us!
P: Holy is God's name!
(based on Luke 1:46-49)

* Hymn “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” No. 347

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

God our Maker,
we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times
and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away
and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand,
so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* 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.

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

9:00 a.m. Britt, Kelli, Mary Frances, and Wyatt Burnett
11:00 a.m. Stewart and Cheryl Bauknight

Quartet “Love Came Down at Christmas” arr. Helvey
Robert Norris, John DuBose, Monty Oxendine, & Gregg Branham

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38

Sermon The Gospel of Luke Dr. Seel
III. Magnificat

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” No. 123

* Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

O Antiphons and the Lord's Prayer

L: O Wisdom,
coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
pervading and permeating all creation,
you order all things with strength and gentleness:
Come now and teach us the way to salvation.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Adonai,
Ruler of the house of Israel,
you appeared in the burning bush to Moses
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come with outstretched arm to save us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Root of Jesse,
rising as a sign for all the peoples,
before you earthly rulers will keep silent,
and nations give you honor:
Come quickly to deliver us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Key of David,
Scepter over the house of Israel,
you open and no one can close,
you close and no one can open:
Come to set the prisoners free.
Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light,
Sun of justice:
Come, shine on those who live in darkness
and in the shadow of death.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O ruler of the nations,
Monarch for whom the people long,
you are the cornerstone uniting all humanity:
Come, save us all,
whom you formed out of clay.
Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Emmanuel,
our Sovereign and lawgiver,
desire of the nations and Savior of all:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.
Come, Lord Jesus.

P: God of grace,
ever faithful to your promises,
the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming,
and looks forward with longing
to his return at the end of time.
Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes,
for he is Lord forever and ever.

All: 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, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “The First Noel” arr. Sprunger

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

* Hymn “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” No. 143

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response “Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole”

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*

* Postlude “Go Out with Joy” arr. McDonald

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your
request, tear off this
form, fold, and place in
the offering plate.

Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

The Tuesday Morning Prayer
Group meets each week at
10:00 a.m. to pray for the
EPC family and any other
special needs.

WELCOME TO
VISITORS

If you are visiting today,
we would like you to know
that it is a privilege to have
you with us. It is our hope
that you will find a warm
welcome and an atmosphere
to worship God.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2022 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

NEW INFORMATION???

New phone number? New email address? Any **changes in your family's** information?

To keep the church's records current, fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, or call/email the office.

Name:

New Information:

NURSERY STAFF
Victoria Rose Brock Liliana Guerra

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Ginna Lister	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Liz Cox Mary Gray Cox
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SAFE PLACE MONITOR
Dustin Coats

TODAY'S GREETERS

<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Meg Jewell Phil Lyles	<u>10:00 a.m.</u> Kathy Lyles	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Jean Smith Mary Taaffe Kevin Taaffe
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DECEMBER USHERS

<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Greg Lucas, Head Jennifer Graham, Asst	<u>11:00 a.m.</u> Eric Goodwin, Head Greg Lucas, Asst.
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SOUND & LIGHT
Carolyn Brice

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