

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude: "O Com, All Ye Faithful" arr. Eugenie Rochelle
"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" arr. Bastien
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" arr. Dan Coates

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Ezekiel 34:15-16, Isaiah 40:10-11

Prayer of the Day:

Holy God, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the songs of the angels and the gladness of the shepherds. May this Christmas celebration make us joyful to be your children, and send us from this place with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

* Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" PH 345

* God's Greeting

Ministry in Music: "O Holy Night"

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Stories that Change Everything: Witness based on Luke 2:8-20

Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

based on Luke 2:11

God's Will for Our Lives:

Romans 13:11-13

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Glory To God" PH 214

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: *Advent Reshapes Our Witness*

Luke 2:1-20 (p. 1014)

* Hymn: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" PH 356

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer for the General Fund & Children's Haven

* Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

* Benediction: I Thessalonians 3:12-13

* Doxology: "Angels from the Realms of Glory" PH 354:1,5

Postlude: "Angels From the Realms of Glory" arr. Robert Thygerson

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Candle Lighters: Jacob Woeller, Lucas Woeller

Liturgists: Cary Vanden Akker, Nathaniel Vos

Organ/Piano: Brandie Vande Werken

Strings: Jacob Vande Werken, Katie Vande Werken

Ministry in Music: Brandon Hehn, Steve Hehn

Prayer of the Day adapted from Worship Sourcebook E.1.4.15