



Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Prelude

Breath of Heaven

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Music by the children of FUMC

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

One: We re-light the candles of *Hope, Love* and *Joy*, and today we light the candle of *Peace*, the fourth marker of our Advent journey. As we continue, may we travel in a spirit of peace within ourselves and with others. As we continue, God of journeys, fill us with peace.

Let us sing together our Advent song of peace.

Light the Advent Candle

The Faith We Sing #2090, verse 4

Light the Advent Candle, four: think of joy forevermore;

Christ Child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

*Hymn

The King of Glory Comes

The Faith We Sing #2091

Morning Prayer

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Unison Prayer: **Lord, a candle burns, the sign of peace that fills our hearts and guides our way. God of peace, come to us again this Advent. May your peace live within us, burning as a light in our lives.**

Prayer of Concern and Celebration

Jesus' Prayer - from *Human Rites* by Ward and Wild

Beloved, our Father and Mother, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed be your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

We Three Kings

John J. Hopkins, Jr; arr. Kevin McChesney
Class Ring; Bill Alexander, director

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Scripture Reading

Beth Peppersack

Luke 2: 1-14

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be

registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for, see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

* Hymn

Star-Child

The Faith We Sing #2095

Christmas Pageant: The Good News Flash

Starring

Grace Abbott

Ty Decatur

Kiki Langdon-Larson

Annie Coffin-Langdon

Michael Flinner

Max Lederer

Atley Collins

Liam Hedlund

Delaney Nielsen

Charlotte Decatur

Martin Hill

Elijah Nielsen

Greta Nielsen

* Hymn

Joy to the World

UM Hymnal #246, v. 1, 2, 4

Benediction

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Postlude

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

Dale Wood

Velda Graham Bell, organ



Announcements

Christmas Eve Worship: Friday, December 24 at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Everyone looks forward to our meaningful Christmas Eve services each year. As always, we will have the chance to sing favorite Christmas carols, and both services will end with a beautiful candlelighting ceremony and the singing of "Silent Night." Pastor Jeanine will preach at both services. **The 4:00 pm service** will include a special Children's Message from Jojo Coffin-Langdon, our director of children's ministries, and the music will be led by Tapestry and our organist. This service will be livestreamed so you can enjoy it at any time during the evening. **At the 10:00 pm service,** music will be led by our Sanctuary Choir, Extollers (our reunion bell choir), various soloists, and our organist. This service may be enjoyed in-person only.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in an estimate of giving for 2022. If you haven't yet, please bring the card and your participation survey to the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or mail them (FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811).

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