

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18, 2016 | 8:45 & 11:00 AM



PRELUDE "SLEEPERS, AWAKE! A VOICE IS CALLING" J. S. Bach (BWV 645)
Tim Hendrix, Organ

WELCOME Amanda Atkin

OPENING SENTENCES April Alston

Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Look! The young woman is with child;
she will call him Emmanuel: God is with us.
Let us worship God.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM Hannah Claire Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP "ADORATION" Monsell, Fettke
Adult Choir

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim.
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore Him – the Lord is His name.
Fear not to enter His presence in poverty,
bearing no gifts to present as your own.
Bring truth in its beauty and love in its purity –
these are the offerings to lay at His throne.

✠ CAROL 265 THE FIRST NOEL THE FIRST NOWELL
Stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 6

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE [8:45] Donna Judd, Angela Rose
[11:00] Jeanne Andrus, Louise Estes

(Children are invited to come to the front during this song)

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard
 And loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as words with - in the Word.
 Built of tears and cries and laught - er, prayers of faith and songs of grace.

Refrain
 In our Ad - vent, may we claim to - geth - er: All are wel - come,
 Christ and neigh - bor, All are wel - come in this place.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lou Dawson

WORSHIP REFLECTION

"OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN"
 Tim Hendrix, Organ

arr. Martin

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Missy Brookshire

PASTORAL PRAYER

Allan Smith

✦ CAROL 278

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
 Stanzas 1, 2 and 3

GLORIA

✦ OFFERTORY PRAYER

Marcia Ostendorff

OFFERTORY

"LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS"
 Sue Newton, Piano

arr. Shackley

✦ RESPONSE

ADVENT PRAISE

ADESTE FIDELES (refrain)

Praise God who sent the Christ-Child;
 Praise Jesus born among us;
 And praise the Comforter, bringing peace on earth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-25

Johnathan Eshleman

Leader: May God add understanding to the reading of the lesson.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

“ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

arr. Forrest

Adult Choir

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light.
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar.
 Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star.
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 All creation join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son.
 Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

SERMON

“WHO NEEDS JOSEPH?”

Sean Allen

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

God will recruit as necessary from the human cast in order to reorder human history.

- WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

⊕ CAROL 292

THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE
 Stanzas 1 and 2

MARGARET

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

⊕ SENDING SONG 278

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH, *refrain*

GLORIA

Glo – ria! in excelsis Deo,

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⊕ BENEDICTION

Sean Allen

POSTLUDE

“GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE”

arr. J. Jones

Tim Hendrix, Organ