

## RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.27*

**The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.**

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Prayers of the People

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Kevin McChesney

#### \*DOXOLOGY 606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### \*HYMN 127 (GTG)

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

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\* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Betsy Burmeister, LITURGIST: Paige Campbell

PIANO PRELUDE: Linda Rogers, Arnelle Combs, HYMN SINGERS-More Than Four Quartet

HANDBELL CHOIR under the direction of David Boardman

### Church Staff

Dana Waters, Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff

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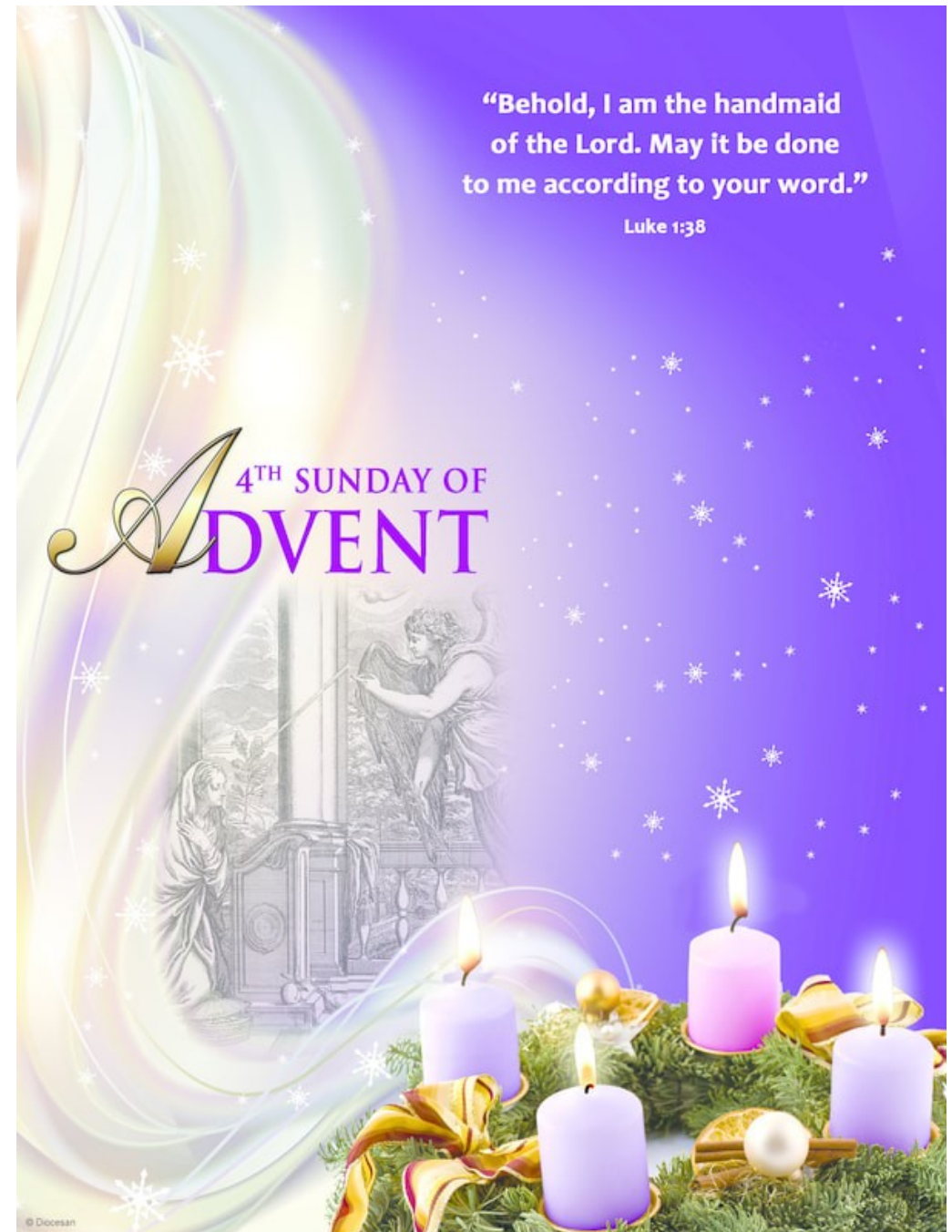
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***Fourth Sunday of Advent***  
***December 19, 2021***

# COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple      Fourth Sunday of Advent      10:00am Worship

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION      *See Amid the Winter's Snow*      Alan Lohr

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE / TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen, to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle,

**we rejoice with Mary, for Love has been born.**

Come now, O Child of Mary.

**Come now, O Prince of Love.**

VOLUNTARY 85 (GTG) *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*      TIF IN VELDELE  
(stanza 4)

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Keep watch! For the One who brings peace is coming.

**We wait in anticipation for Christ.**

We wait for God's revealing of joy. Remain alert!

**Love is coming to dwell among us. Hope draws near.**

\*HYMN 126(GTG)      "Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child"      BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children  
in need of your wisdom and grace.**

**Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life.**

**Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability.**

**Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control.**

**Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls.**

**Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands.**

**Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN 581 (GTG)

"Gloria Patri"

Greatorex

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Micah 5: 2-5a

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 39-55

PROCLAMATION

Dana Waters

SPECIAL MUSIC

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

Cathy Mokebust