

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church
to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

OFFERING *Pat-a-Pan* arr., Patti Drennan

*DOXOLOGY 607 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Christ, all people here below;
 praise Holy Spirit evermore;
 praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN 123 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN 384 “Soon and Very Soon” Andrae Crouch
 Verse 1: **Soon and very soon, we are gonna see the King** (3x)
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King!
 Verse 2: **No more cryin' there, we are gonna see the King** (3x)
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are gonna see the King! *(repeat Verse 1)*

*POSTLUDE *People, Look East* arr., Lloyd Larson

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

11:00am

COVENANT at WORSHIP

Liturgical Color: Purple Fourth Sunday of Advent 11:00am Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION *Of the Father's Love Begotten
What a Wonderful Child* arr., Larry Shackley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*VOLUNTARY *Hallelujah (Christmas version)* Lenard Cohen,
arr., Carter-Enyi

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY The Foskey Family

Isaiah spoke to a chosen people with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a girl named Mary in the town of Nazareth with a light of joy.

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

(The candle of love is lit.)

As we light our fourth Advent candle,

we rejoice with Mary, for Love has become flesh.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of Love.

***HYMN 126 “Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child” WONDERFUL CHILD**
Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child. Jesus, Jesus,
so holy, meek and mild;
new life, new LOVE the child will bring. Listen to the angels sing:
“Glory, glory, glory!” Let the heavens ring.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us,
yet we often make plans without listening to you
and discover that our human agendas
can drown out our ability to hear your will for us.
We repent of these faults and turn to you in love.
Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins,
that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*RESPONSE HYMN 583 "Glory to God" GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 26-45

PROCLAMATION Rev. Dana Waters

*HYMN 144	"In the Bleak Midwinter"	CRANHAM
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