

December 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE

With Mary we sing: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46-47, NIV). Welcome to worship.

PRELUDE: “Once in David’s Royal City”

Young

GREETINGS AND CONCERNS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*God, I pray for all who are lonely in this season,
or exhausted, or grieving. Give them the courage
of Mary as you fill them with the Holy Spirit.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRAYER (Unison)

Eternal God: through long generations you prepared a way in our world for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you are still bringing the light of the gospel to darkened lives. Renew us, so that we may welcome Jesus Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

CAROL: HYMN 9 (vs. 2)

VENI EMMANUEL

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Arise, shine: for your light is coming.

People: And the glory of the Lord is rising upon us.

Liturgist: For behold, darkness has covered the earth.

People: And thick darkness the peoples;

Liturgist: But the Lord will arise upon us.

People: And His glory will be seen in our midst.

***HYMN 22**

REGENT SQUARE

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (Unison)**

Lord, it is You and You alone that all glory and praise are to be given, for You have blessed us by coming to us in the life of Jesus Christ. Help us to give glory to Him whose birth we celebrate this season by living each day in closer conformity to Your will. May we celebrate this season as the occasion of Christ's birth in a manger. By the memory of His humility and service, keep us from glorifying ourselves in this season and every season. In the strength of the glorified, living Christ, we pray. Amen.

***ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GOOD NEWS**

***RESPONSE OF JOY**

HYMN 579

GLORIA PATRI

GOD'S CALL TO COMMITMENT

Offering: *During these challenging times, you may find it difficult to send in your contributions. Please contribute what you are comfortably able to give. Thank you in advance!*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Puer Nobis Natus"

Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:26-38
Romans 16:25-27

NT Pgs. 56-57
NT Pgs. 165

Liturgist: Deb Campbell

HYMN 44

ST. LOUIS

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

SERMON: "The Possibility of the Impossible With God" Dr. Barker

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN 38**

CAROL

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE: “See Amid the Winter’s Snow”**

Jones

***Those that are able, please stand.**

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given this week in memory of
Hela Hensel by Marie Alfrey Schwartz.

FACE MASKS – The Sewing Circle Group has more varieties of
face masks available now. In addition to the “Red Hat Ladies” print,
they now have holiday, golf & Peanuts for sale.

What a great stocking stuffer – be sure to get yours today!

Cost is \$5.00 – proceeds to benefit the Sewing Circle.

If interested, please contact Marian Lytle at 412-884-9257 or at
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at 412-881-9334.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

December 20, 2020 – December 26, 2020

SUNDAY

ONLINE WORSHIP

THURSDAY

**CHRISTMAS EVE
ONLINE WORSHIP
OFFICE CLOSED**

FRIDAY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!
OFFICE CLOSED**

