

## RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, including Concerns and Celebrations

*"O God, who is with us, hear our prayer."*

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*Mary Had a Baby*

arr., H. Leonard

\*PRAISE HYMN 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 100 "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

### \*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN 134 "Joy to the World" ANTIOCH  
Joy to the earth, the Lord is come! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

### \*POSTLUDE

*He is Born*

arr., H. Leonard

All Music Rights Reserved. OneLicense.net #A714395

\* denotes standing as able.

PIANIST: Pam Knox

LITURGIST: Luanne Rigsby



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*December 18, 2022*

# COVENANT at WORSHIP

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

---

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION      *Wexford Carol*      arr., H. Leonard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY      *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*      arr., H. Leonard

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY      *The Stone Family*

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.

*(The candle of love is lit.)*

As we light our fourth Advent candle,  
**we rejoice with Mary, for Love has entered the world.**  
Come now, O Child of Mary.  
Come now, O Prince of Love.

\*HYMN      "Advent Song"      C. Brock

Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy for evermore;  
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.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Shepherd of our souls,  
we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready.  
We have done too much, and not done enough.  
We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others.  
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be saved. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*PRAISE 582      "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"      P.M. Vasile

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose  
grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen!**

## LISTEN FOR THE GOOD NEWS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 7: 10-16

GOSPEL READING      Matthew 1: 18-25

PROCLAMATION      Dana Waters

\*HYMN 88      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"      VENI EMMANUEL  
(verses 1-4)