

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 18, 2016

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time

The Prelude “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Arr. by Dan Sigmon

*Opening Songs “What Child is This” 184
“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” 181

*A Call to Worship

Leader: Love is what gives meaning to the Advent season: God’s love for us and our love for God and one another. Without love all the gifts and get-togethers, all the busyness and trappings of Advent become meaningless.

People: Today we light the fourth Advent candle, the Love Candle, because God is love. Love makes us alive to the Spirit of God and to the spirit of the season. Because God comes to us in love, we long to share that love with others.

Leader: Hear this promise from John’s gospel: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (3:16-17).

People: God is love and in him there is no darkness at all. We walk in the light of Christ, loving as he first loved us, as we light the Candle of Love.

*Invocation Prayer

Song of Faith “I Wonder as I Wander” 225

Community and Congregational Prayer – OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Epistle Reading Romans 1:1-7

*Responsorial “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” (1 & 4) 232

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory “Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven”
Adult and Youth Choir

Children’s Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer Matthew 1:18-25

Message: “The Angels and The Heavenly Hosts”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be baptized, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come to Jesus during this song.

*Song “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” 185

*Closing Prayer & Spoken Benediction

*Postlude “Sing We Now of Christmas” by Nathan Cain

Merry  Christmas

Those we love don't
go away, they walk
beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard but
always near, Still
loved, still missed, and
held so dear.

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