

Worship Bulletin
December 20, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: My soul magnifies the Lord.
My spirit rejoices in God my savior.

**All: For the Mighty One has done great things,
and holy is God's name.**

*Hymn *While We Are Waiting, Come* (verse 1) (screen)

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

All: let all creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord.
(Lighting the Advent Candles)

One: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy to the upright in heart.

All: Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks to God's holy name.

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

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...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 16:25-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Favored One!”

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

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 on 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.**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

While We Are Waiting, Come