

4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

***Passing of the Peace**

Prelude

Carol of the Bells

Carillon Bells

Lighting the Advent Wreath (insert) *The Bates Family*

***Opening Hymn #203** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

***Centering Prayer**

Almighty God, the time of waiting is almost over. Like new parents eagerly awaiting the birth of a child, we impatiently wait with you for the birth of your Son. We stand in awe, knowing what the birth of this particular baby means for our lives yet unable to fully comprehend the depth of your love for us. We come before you in worship this morning, hoping that our thoughts, prayers and songs of praise are pleasing to you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Special Music

O Come All Ye Faithful

Carillon Bells

Ministry of the Word John 1:6-8 (NLT)

***Hymn of Preparation #2089** (insert) *Wild & Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Sermon

"The Highway of Enthusiasm"

Rev. Bates

Matthew 3:1-12 (NLT)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory

Ave Maria

Carillon Bells

***Doxology #94**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give our gifts in love and thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Help us give with hearts and minds open to the possibilities of what we can do to heal the brokenness of our world. Let our love travel where we do not, making pathways of peace where there are none, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #202**

People, Look East

***Postlude**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Carillon Bells

***Benediction**

**For those who are able, please stand*