

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2015 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Ring Praise O My Soul
Carillon Bells

*Call to Worship

Leader: Good news, God is filling the hungry with good things!
Good news, God is lifting up the lowly! Good news, God is
about do his mightiest work! He will cause righteousness and
praise to spring forth from all nations.

We light the fourth Advent candle remembering that God's
Promised One comes to comfort all who are afflicted and to
afflict all who might be too comfortable.

(Light four candles)

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus.

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Opening Prayer

**Holy God, the mystery of your eternal Word took flesh
among us in Jesus Christ. At the message of an angel, the
virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Filled
with the light of your Spirit, she became the temple of your
Word. Strengthen us by the example of her humility, that we
may always be ready to do your will, and welcome into our
lives Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Christmas Cantata

Sanctuary Choir

See insert for congregational responses

I. Awaken Us, O Lord

Lacey Emry, solo

II. Silver Wings

III. Shepherd's Proclamation

IV. Good Christian Men Rejoice

Men's Ensemble

V. Tender Rose of God

Maryann Hayden, solo

VI. Let Heaven and Nature Sing

Hsin-Yin Chen, piano

RESPONSE

*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Offering & Offertory

Maria Wiegenlied

Reger

Maryann Hayden, soloist; Hsin-Yi Chen, piano

*Doxology (UMH #95)

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

*The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn #242

Love Came Down at Christmas

*Benediction

*Postlude

**For those who are able, please stand*