

Love

December 24, 2023

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude

Rise Up, Shepherd (K. Osterland)

Marcia Snavely, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit

I Saw Three Ships (arr. Joel Raney)

Federated Bell Choir

*** Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

Rev. Betsy Wooster

One: Welcome this day to worship!

All: The light of this season has beckoned us forward.

One: Come and rejoice, for God's love is coming to us.

All: Praise be to God, who pours light and love into our lives.

One: Open your hearts and your spirits to receive the blessings of God.

All: May we always be ready to respond in joyful ways!

*** Passing of Christ's Peace**

*** Hymn**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

No. 138

Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Rev. Wooster

Most High God,

for you nothing is impossible.

**Through a poor young woman in a small town
you gave birth to your realm of endless glory.**

By your Holy Spirit,

fill us with new life and hope

so that we, like Mary, might be your servants,

bearing witness to the promise of your Word;

through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns. Amen.

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: Love

Morris Pengilly and Joy Wyatt

* Those who are able stand

Hymn

One Candle Is Lit (seated; verse 4)

No. 128

Christmas Eve Offering for Humble Design

Rev. Wooster

Anthem

Advent Voices (Kathleen Wissinger)

Federated Bell Choir

* **Doxology**

The First Noel (verse 5)

No. 151

**Then entered in those wise ones three, full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Throckmorton

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever. Amen.**

* **Hymn**

Stop! Be Silent

(Words and music on back page)

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

Rev. Throckmorton

A Christmas Story

A Quiet Chamber Kept for Thee, by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Rev. Throckmorton

* **Hymn**

Joy to the World

No. 143

* **Benediction**

Rev. Throckmorton

Postlude

Sing We Now of Christmas (arr. Kevin McChesney)

Federated Bell Choir

~ Departing to Service~



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all
Telecoil-equipped hearing aids to amplify sound with excellent clarity.

Stop! Be Silent

Hamilton Coe Throckmorton

MATH 9.8.12.12.

Melody by W.A. Mozart

Harm. by June Morse

1. Stop! Be si - lent. Lis - ten for the sound of gree - tings ten - der and
2. Wait, now chil - dren. God is on your side Tho' ran - dom fate seems to
3. Bles - sings blan - ket all the trou - bled earth. At - tend your soul to the

mild. — For as you pause and hear - ken, grace will sure a - bound;
stalk you. No mat - ter how dis - turb - ing, how se - vere the tide;
man - na. For while a - larm sur - rounds us, there will come a birth

For in the face of all dis - grace, you're God's own child.
Where - 'er you go, What - e'er you know, your God goes, too.
An - nounc - ing love from heav'n a - bove. Shout: "Ho - san - na!"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with a final line of lyrics and a double bar line.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services TODAY at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 31st, 10 AM

Rev. Betsy Wooster preaches

"When the Light Beckons"

Matthew 2:1-12

*If you do not wish to take it home, please recycle your bulletin in the recycling bin
in the narthex on your way out.*