

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDE "The First Noel" by Austin Handbell Choir

OPENING PRAYER The Blessing of the Congregation

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**
"Once in Royal David's City" No. 250

LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

†"Light of Light" by Raney

Litany

Leader: Advent is a time to let go of anger and fear.

People: God of love, fill our hearts with true compassion

Advent is a time to look for the best in others.

God of love, help us speak truth with kindness.

Advent is a time to share with those in need.

God of love, remind us that in giving, we receive.

Advent is a time to notice & appreciate the good around us.

God of love, help us see the world through loving eyes.

Candle Lighting

Response "Voices cry out from a world in grief: prayers of those who seek relief. End their darkness, hear their call, for peace on earth, goodwill for all."

Prayer

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9

A reading by Wilkes Groce, a Young Chorister

†"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Arr. Shackley

SECOND LESSON: Micah 5

A reading by Jona Fitzgerald, a Lay Person

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 230

"Carol of the Bells" Arr. Wagner Handbell Choir

THIRD LESSON: Luke 1

A reading by Donna Kurst, a Chancel Chorister

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" No. 216

THE WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory †"In julci júbilo" By Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** No. 221

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man,
I would do my part; yet what I can I give him;
give my heart.

FOURTH LESSON: Matthew 1

A reading by Tommy Humphries, a Lay Leader

†"Pieta" by Martin

Solo: Kelly Mundy

Dancers: Margaret Bailey and Riley Young

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2

A reading by Reverend Julia Alliger, a United Methodist Church Elder

†"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" Arr. Willcocks

SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 2

A reading by Marilyn Newell, a Civic Leader

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

"We Three Kings" No. 254

SEVENTH LESSON: John 1:1-14

A reading by Reverend Ed Priestaf, a United Methodist Church Elder

†"E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come" by Manz

A CHRISTMAS READING

***CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

POSTLUDE "Noel Etranger" Louis-Claude Daquin

*Please Stand As You Are Able

†Chancel Choir

We welcome with love our organist Susan Stedman