

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Blessed Be the God of Israel" # 135

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reader: 8:30am – Ken & Mary Asher / 10:30am Jim & Denise Ward

Candle Song: "Prepare the Way of the Lord" #121
Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God. Repeat.

*¹Hymn of Gathering: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" # 140

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free; to take away transgressions, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with justice speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light; whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth. Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.
4. To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove. His name shall stand forever; that name to us is Love.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Jack Kline/10:30am Maurine McLellan

Reading : Song of Zechariah # 137

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Justin & Abigail
Text Romans 1: 1-7 (NRSVA)
Message "Called to Belong" Rev. Schwartz

¹ * = Please stand

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am. Jack Kline/ 10:30am Roy McLellan

***Doxology:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am. Rev.Schwartz/ 10:30am Roy McLellan

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music: "I Wonder as I Wander" # 161

***Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion**

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

***Closing Hymn:** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" # 150

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, off-spring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings; mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die; born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth; Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "One Candle Is Lit" # 128

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Blue

Romans 1: 1-7 (NRSVA)

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, December 18, 2022 8:30am. ☩ 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.