

2024

“Worship the God of Wonders”



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation..

Daniel 4:2,3

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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ADVENT LITANY AND CANDLE LIGHTING (based on Gen. 1:1 -5)

Leader: In the beginning

All: God created the heavens and the earth,

Leader: the earth was a formless void

All: and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Leader: the Spirit of God was moving

All: over the face of the waters.

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

Leader: And God saw that the light was good.

All: God separated the light from the darkness.

Leader: God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: Like the dawn of a new day,

All: the coming light of Christ brings Love.

(Light candle of Love)

Leader: As light from the candle of Love dispels the darkness

All: Love fills our souls!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you (*Greet each other sharing Christ's peace.*)

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Verse 1

**O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.**

Verse 2

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of won-d'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all the earth.**

Verse 3

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts,
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**

Verse 4

**O, holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Immanuel!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

All: We give thanks that in Your great mercy and compassion You sent Your dear Son to become incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may always be thankful for such grace and be

comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last, obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever. Amen. Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian

LESSONS

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80:1-7

Luke 1:39-45

GOSPEL

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Will Be Accomplished

SONG

One Small Child

Verse 1

**One small Child in a land of a thousand,
One small dream of a Savior tonight,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight,
Once small city of life. O!**

Verse 2

**One king bringing his gold and riches,
One king ruling an army of might,
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight,
One King bringing us life. O!
See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him;
See Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father; See His tiny eyelids fall.**

Verse 3

**One small light from, the flame of a candle
One small light from a city of might,
One small light from the stars in the endless night,
One small light from a face. O!
See the shepherds kneeling before Him;
See the kings on bended knee.
See His mother praising His Father;
See the blessed Infant sleep.**

Verse 4

**One small Child in a land of a thousand,
One small dream in a people of might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight,
One small Savior of life. O!**

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: (*After each petition. . .*) Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**All: 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

The DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

**All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life; and we**

pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG

Mary Did You Know

Verse 1

**Mary, did you know That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?**

**Mary, did you know That your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?**

**Did you know That your baby boy
Has come to make you new?**

This Child that you delivered Will soon deliver you.

Verse 2

**Mary, did you know That your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man?**

**Mary, did you know That your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand?**

**Did you know That your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod,**

**And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God?**

Oh, Mary did you know?

Bridge

**The blind will see, The deaf will hear,
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap, The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.**

Verse 3

**Mary, did you know That your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?**

**Mary, did you know That your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?**

**Did you know That your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb,**

and the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM?

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

NEXT SUNDAY December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 Psalm 111 Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

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Attend: 29

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Candlelight, Carols and Communion
Tuesday December 24th at 7:00pm**