



**December 18, 2022**  
**Advent 4 Lessons and Carols Service**



**“To know Jesus and make Him known”**

**INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.*

*Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.*

**Incumbent**

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10:00 a.m. **Lessons and Carols**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 140** It came upon the Midnight Clear

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Greeting & A Bidding for Advent:**

**Officiant:** My sisters and brothers in Christ,  
in these days of shadow and of hope  
let it be our duty and delight  
to listen to the story of our faith,  
and hear again the prophets' words of blessing and doom.  
And, as we prepare to celebrate again  
the birth of Jesus Christ as a baby,  
let us remember that he also comes  
to judge the just and the unjust,  
and to establish the reign of equity and peace.

As we hear the reading of God's holy word, let us respond to the call to prepare the way of the Lord and receive with joy the promise of the coming of the one who will judge with righteousness and equity.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, the anxious, the weary, and the bereaved.

And remembering the promise that he shall reign for ever and ever,

let us pray for the rulers of the nations,  
for peace and justice on earth,  
for the unity and mission of the Church,  
that we may be a sign of the age to come.

With longing in our hearts for God's reign of peace,  
let us hear again the story of Christ's coming,  
and join with Mary and Joseph,  
and all our forebears in faith,  
in offering our worship.

**Lighting of the fourth Advent Candle** Tune: Away in a Manger

**A Candle is burning, a candle of love ,  
A candle to point us to heaven above,  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.**

**Reading 1** - Isaiah 40:1-11 *Comfort for God's People*  
Read by Ethel Morris

**Hymn # 106** There's a Voice in the Wilderness

**Reading 2** - Isaiah 7:10-15 *The sign of Immanuel*  
Read by Donna Gushue

**Hymn # 89** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Reading 3** - Psalm 80:1-7,17-19 *Prayer for Israel's Restoration*  
Read by Gail Payne

**Hymn # 97** Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

**Reading 4** - Micah 5:2-5a *The Ruler from Bethlehem*  
Read by Lorna Green

**Hymn: # 121** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Reading 5** - Luke 1:26-38 *The Birth of Jesus Foretold*  
Read by Paul Carpentier

**Hymn: # 117:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

**Reading 6** - Matthew 1:18-25 *The Birth of Jesus the Messiah*  
Read by Michal Wallen

**Hymn: # 128:** The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

**Reading 7** – Luke 2:8-20 *The Shepherds and the Angels*  
Read by The Reverend Bonnie Skerritt

**Anthem # 35 (Sing)** Hope is a Star

**ADVENT LITANY #12**

(In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!")

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

**All: Lord Jesus, come soon!**

**COLLECT FOR ADVENT 4**

**All: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Officiant:** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN # 137** What Child is This

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**Officiant:** Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

**BLESSING:** Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 138** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



**Upcoming Services**

- December 18** – Messy Church (4–6pm)
- Wed. December 21** – Blue Christmas (7pm)
- December 24** – Christmas Eve (7pm)
- December 25** – Christmas Day (10am) and Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner Dine-in: 4-6pm  
Take out: Pre-order by Dec. 22. Pick up 1-2pm Dec. 25  
Call (705) 324-4666 voice mail 9 to pre-order, or to offer to volunteer for the Christmas Dinner.

**January 1** - Epiphany

**Announcements**

**Christmas Flowers:** If you would like to make a memorial donation of flowers in memory of a loved one for Christmas, please contact the office by Dec 21. Please indicate the name of your loved one on the envelope and mark it "**Donation Christmas Flowers**"

**2023 Church Envelopes:** May be picked up at the back of the church.

**Need Gift Cards for Christmas presents or shopping?**

Our church sells a variety of gift cards throughout the week in our office, or during refreshment time on Sunday mornings.

**Please help keep our church scent free!** Some people have allergies to perfumes, colognes, etc. so please refrain from using them here.

**Financial Snapshot**

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We estimate that St. Paul's will finish the year with a deficit of over \$12,000. We always appreciate your donations. If you wish to sign up for PAG (Pre-authorized Givings) please speak to Marlene, or call the church office. (705) 324-4666.

**End of Year Donations for 2022 deadline for Tax Receipts:**

A reminder that to be included on your 2022 tax receipt all donations must be received by office close on Dec. 30.

