

4th Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022—8:30am



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“The Holly and the Ivy”
arr. by Phillip Keveren

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

ELW #253 verses 1-4

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings, **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Shine On Us”

Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us.
Lord, let your light, light of your face shine on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let your light shine on us.

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us.
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand fall on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life.
To find our way in the darkest night
Let your grace fall on us.

Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us.
Lord, let your love, love with no end come over us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let your love come over us.
Let your light shine on us.

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

+ Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world.
Those who follow me will not walk in darkness.
Those who follow me will have the light of life.

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+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. John Wertz, Jr.

+ Song of the Day

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel Emmanuel His name is called Emmanuel
God with us revealed in us His name is called Emmanuel

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+ Nicene Creed

ELW p.104

+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: “Come by Here” TFF #43

Come by here, my Lord, come by here;
come by here, my Lord, come by here;
come by here, my Lord, come by here; O Lord, come by here.

Traditional

+ Peace

+Meal+
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church:
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

“All Is Ready Now”

Quietly into the stable where the Savior sleeping lies,
We can go for all are welcome: shepherd, angel, poor and wise.
What we have we bring and offer, earthly gifts for Child divine,
Giving that which we were given, fruits of harvest, bread and wine.

'Cross the threshold of creation, Jesus comes to dwell with us,
As he was in the beginning, evermore God's gift of love.
Now he calls us to the table, gift of love to bleed and die;
Manger here becomes an altar, stable Lamb is sacrificed.

Now enthroned as king of heaven, blazing glory like the sun:
In his hands are pow'r and justice, on his lips are peace and love.
As our gifts are turned to ashes, falling down in awe we bow,
Empty handed we adore him “Come, for all is ready now.”

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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