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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"
"Lord Christ, When You First Came to Earth"

arr. Martin
arr. Glick

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

"Advent Proclamation"
Chancel Choir

Dengler

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"Draw Near to Love" The Gilewicz-Fuchs Family

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

*ADVENT PRAYER

God of grace, our Advent journey is nearly complete. We have drawn near to hope and peace and joy. Our hearts are on this journey to draw near to you. Can we make it all the way? Today we hear the good news, that you are love, and love comes all the rest of the way to us. Let us be strong in your love, that we may live in your hope and peace and joy all our days, through Christ, who is born to us, and born in us. Amen.

*ACT OF PRAISE

"All Beautiful the March of Days"

Forest Green

O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows, Thyself the vision passing by In crystal and in rose, Day unto day doth utter speech, And night to night proclaim, In ever changing words of light, The wonder of Thy name.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age, may be excused to childcare)

LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRAYER

HYMN NO. 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

Irby

LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

Bethlehem

OT 865

HYMN NO. 123	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"		Carol
LESSON	Luke 1:26-38	Gabriel Visits Mary	NT 56
ANTHEM	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"		Es Ist Ein Rose Ensemble
HOMILY	"Let it Be"	Teaching Elder James Bernhardt	
HYMN NO. 128	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"		W Zlobie Lezy
LESSON	Matthew 1:18-25	Joseph and Emmanuel	NT 1
HYMN NO. 144	"In the Bleak Midwinter"		Cranham
LESSON	Luke 1:39-58	Mary's Song	NT 57
ANTHEM	"There's A Star in the East"		Follow Ensemble

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER "Come Lord, Come Life" Wagner
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem "Cry Out, Zion" Nygard
Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response "Praise God!" St. Anne

***Praise God, that miracles of birth declare the Spirit's might;
New life is ever by our Lord created and restored.***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

- *CLOSING HYMN NO. 132** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" In Dulci Jubilo
- *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- *BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Govenor
Chancel Choir
- *POSTLUDE** "As With Gladness Men of Old" Dix

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold lettering is to be read responsively by the congregation

Bold lettering that is italicized is to be sung by the congregation

The Cover Art is "Annunciation" by Maximus

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