

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:6

Lg. print #1072/ pew #489

Lg. print/New ed. #1028

John 14:25-27

Lg. print #1676/ pew #764

Lg. print/New ed. #1642

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

Sermon

'Prince of Peace'

Rev. Marc Shefelton

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

"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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

***Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Dismissing Hymn No. 124**

'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'

***Benediction**

Postlude

'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks'

~ Handel

We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service.

Thank you.

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation

Christmas shows us that God is not just concerned about spiritual problems but physical problems too. . . here God is deliberately working with people the world despises. The very first witnesses to his nativity and resurrection are people whom the world says you can't trust, people the world looks down on.

~ Tim Keller

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

Prelude

'I Wonder as I Wander'

~ arr. Hustad

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

The McCowin Family

***Call to Worship**

John Myers, Lay Assistant

Leader: We gather in preparation

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation

People: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

Leader: We gather in celebration

People: for we are those people who have said, yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed, yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.

Leader: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

***Hymn No. 137**

'What Child Is This?'

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Almighty God, you who shaped out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

*** Creed**

from The Westminster Longer Catechism

How is Christ a prophet?

As prophet, Christ reveals the complete will of God to his church about everything for the church's edification and salvation. He does this throughout the ages in different ways by means of his Spirit and word.

How is Christ a priest?

As priest, Christ offered himself once for all as a spotless sacrifice to God to reconcile the sins of his people, and he continually intercedes for them.

How is Christ a king?

As king, Christ calls a people for himself out of the world and gives them officers, laws, and the authority to condemn, by which he visibly governs them. He bestows saving grace on his elect, rewards their obedience, corrects them for their sins, preserves and supports them in all their temptations and suffering, restrains and overcomes all their enemies, and powerfully orders everything for his own glory and their well-being. As king, Christ also executes just retribution against all others who neither know God nor obey the gospel.

Christmas Cantata

'The First Light'

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