

# ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**December 19, 2021    10:30 a.m.**



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# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Rhonda R.

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

Advent IV

Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

***Christ Be Our Light***

ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

**Refrain:**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.     **Refrain:**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
 Longing for water, many still thirst.  
 Make us your bread, broken for others,  
 Shared until all are fed.    **Refrain:**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
 Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
 Make us your building, sheltering others,  
 Walls made of living stone.    **Refrain:**

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## **Words of Welcome and Introduction**

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***      Presbyterian Hymnal  
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Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,  
 Behold, the King of glory waits;  
 The King of Kings is drawing near;  
 The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
 Make it a temple, set apart  
 From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
 Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

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Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

**Text:** George Weissel, trans. Catherine Winkworth; **Music:** T. Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*.

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

**Response: *And also with you.***

#### **Canticle of Praise**

ELW, pages 148-149

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading – Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***



**Psalm – Luke 1:46b-55, paraphrase*****My Soul Proclaims Thy Greatness***

ELW 251

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;  
I sing my Savior's praise!

You looked upon my lowliness,  
And I am full of grace.

Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age  
This blessing shall proclaim—  
Great wonders you have done for me,  
And holy is your name.

To all who live in holy fear  
Your mercy ever flows.  
With mighty arm you dash the proud,  
Their scheming hearts expose.  
The ruthless you have cast aside,  
The lowly throned instead;  
The hungry filled with all good things,  
The rich sent off unfed.

To Israel, your servant blest,  
Your help is ever sure;  
The promise to our parents made  
Their children will secure.  
Sing glory to the Holy One,  
Give honor to the Word,  
And praise the Pow'r of the Most High,  
One God, by all adored.

## Second Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, *Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.*

Then I said, *'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'* (in the scroll of the book it is written of me). When he said above, *You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings* (these are offered according to the law), then he added, *See, I have come to do your will.* He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Response: *Thanks be to God!***

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW, page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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**Gospel – Luke 1:39-55**

**Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.***

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, *Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.*

And Mary said, *My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Sermon**

*Jump for Joy*

Pr. Mandsager

***Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn***

ELW 242



Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,  
 For angels herald its dawning.  
 Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,  
 Behold! the Child of our longing.  
 Come as a baby weak and poor,  
 To bring all hearts together,  
 He opens wide the heav'nly door,  
 And lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
 Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
 His humble song is quiet and near,  
 Yet fills the earth with its ringing;  
 Music to heal the broken soul  
 And hymns of loving kindness,  
 The thunder of his anthems roll  
 To shatter all hate and injustice.

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In darkest night his coming shall be,  
When all the world is despairing,  
As morning light so quiet and free,  
So warm and gentle and caring.  
Then shall the mute break forth in song,  
The lame shall leap in wonder,  
The weak be raised above the strong,  
And weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
Though dark the winter and cheerless,  
The rising sun shall crown you with light,  
Be strong and loving and fearless.  
Love be our song and love our prayer,  
And love our endless story;  
May God fill ev'ry day we share  
And bring us at last into glory.

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### **Prayers of the Church**

Walter Breuggemann, alt.

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

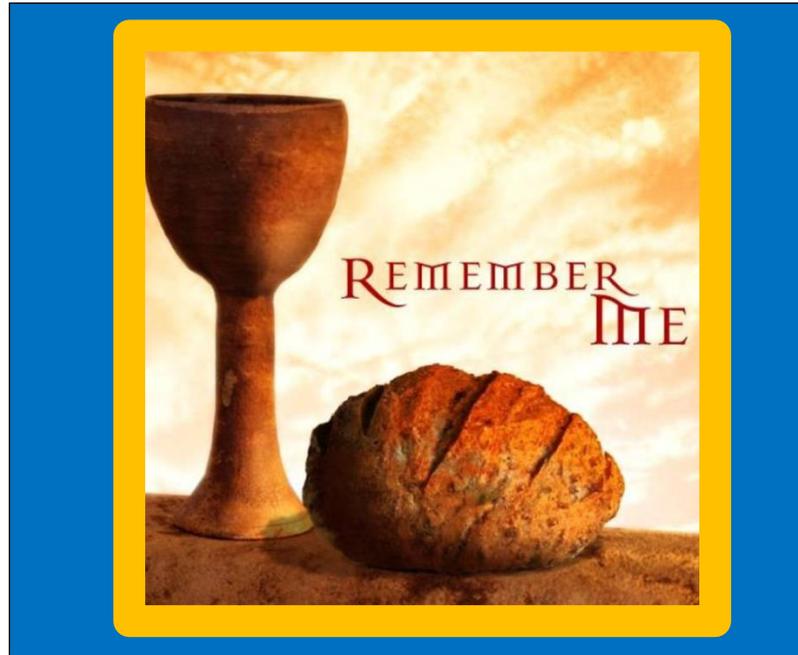
**Response: And also with you.**

### **Offertory**

*The Angel Gabriel  
from Heaven Came*

Rhonda R.

## HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**Response: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**(Turn page)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in  
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Invitation**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**Communion Distribution**

**Communion Song***Lamb of God*

ELW, page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Prayer**

Oh, grant us then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food  
while here, our course on earth is lengthened, to serve you  
free from fear; and bring us home to praise you where none  
can peace destroy, where we will ever raise you glad songs in  
endless joy. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon  
you with grace and mercy; the Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

***Prepare the Royal Highway***

ELW 264

Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley,  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory,  
Foretold in sacred story:

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**Refrain:**

**Hosanna to the Lord,  
For he fulfills God's Word!**

God's people, see him coming:  
Your own eternal King!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you!

**Refrain:**

Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised King!  
Your King, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
Their voices join your singing:

**Refrain:**

His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding:

**Refrain:**

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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

***Response: Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

*Hark, the Glad Sound!*

Rhonda R.



**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
Worship Calendar  
3:30 PM on Channel 105**

Christmas Eve Service	12/24/2021
Christmas Day Vespers Carol Service with Lisa Daehlin, Charles Gray, and Rhonda Reece	12/25/2021

**Sundays of Christmas  
10:30 AM on Channel 105**

First Sunday of Christmas	12/26/2021
Second Sunday of Christmas	01/02/2022



**Epiphany Worship Service  
Thursday, January 6, 2022  
3:30 PM on Channel 105**



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