

Love





December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 AM

Chimes indicate the service is starting, and silence is appreciated to prepare for worship.

Prelude *Prelude on Greensleeves* (R. Purvis) Marcia Snavelly, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Introit *The World Awaits Your Coming* (Pepper Choplin) Federated Choir;
Marcia Snavelly, piano

* **Call to Worship** (*responsive*) Richard Falkenberg

One: In the midst of darkness, God brings a new light.

All: Thanks be to the God of light.

One: In the midst of confusion and fear, God brings hope and peace.

All: Thanks be to the God of hope and peace.

One: In the midst of strife and stress, God holds us tight in love.

All: Thanks be to the God of love.

One: Come! Let us worship our great God who is always with us!

* **Passing of Christ's Peace**
(Children from grades K-8 leave for Sunday School)

* **Hymn** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* No. 138

Opening Prayer (*unison*) Richard Falkenberg

**God of all life and all seasons,
help us open our hearts to hear
the words of promise and love that you send to us.**

**Like Joseph, when he heard from the angel,
may we trust in your abiding love and power.**

**Prepare us to receive your gifts of grace
regardless of how they may appear.**

In the name of Jesus, God with us, Emmanuel. Amen

* Those who are able stand

**** Worshipers may be seated

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: Love

Hymn

One Candle Is Lit (verse 4)

Richard Falkenberg

No. 128

Introduction of Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

Dan Kershner

Presentation of Christmas Eve Offering Recipient

Ella Thomas,

Executive Director, Thea Bowman Center

Invitation to Generosity

Rev. Betsy Wooster

Anthem

Joseph's Song (Lloyd Larson)

Federated Choir;

Marcia Snively, piano

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Fellowship of Prayer

Rev. Wooster

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Amen.

* Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

No. 160

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Rev. Throckmorton

Sermon

Rev. Throckmorton

* Hymn

People, Look East

No. 142

* Benediction

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton

Postlude

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Marcia Snively, organ

~ Departing to Service ~



This Sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Loop system** that works with all **Telecoil-equipped hearing aids** to amplify sound with excellent clarity.



Angel Appearing to Joseph While He Sleeps, Augsburg Press.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Saturday, December 24th

4PM, 6:30PM, 8:30PM

Christmas Eve Services

Pre-service music starts 30 minutes before services

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 AM

Rev. Hamilton Throckmorton shares a Christmas story

Come in your PJs if you'd like! We'll sing carols and rejoice in the birth of Christ!