

# Worship Service ~ December 22, 2024, 9:00

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by  
Mary Sargeant-Buck in memory of Gordon Buck.

PRELUDE            *"Carol of the Bells"*  
Faith Choir; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM OF ADALINE VANELSBERG    *"Jesus Loves Me"*

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING SONG            ELW #723 *CANTICLE OF THE TURNING* stz 1, 2

### INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### LITANY FOR ADVENT

L: The figure of Jesus takes shape in human beings.

**C: Humans aren't an imitation or repetition of his form, but into our own form.**

L: Humans are not transformed into a form foreign to us—we become human and do not become God.

**C: In Christ the form of humans before God was created anew.**

L: It was not a matter of place, time, climate, race, or religion, but the life of humanity itself that it recognized in Christ our image and our hope.

**C: What happened to Christ, happened to humanity.**

L: The figure of Jesus takes shape in humanity.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE    ELW #242 *AWAKE! AWAKE  
AND GREET THE NEW MORN* stz 1, 4

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE            *"O Come Little Children"*

KYRIE / HYMN OF PRAISE            ELW #289 *ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON  
HIGH* stz 1, 2, 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

**C: 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.**

PRAYER LAB

SONG

*"Mary Did You Know"* led by Worship Band

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #288 *GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS*  
*REJOICE* stz 1

R: A Gospel reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Luke.

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

**Luke 1:39-55**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>*And Mary sang,           choir sings*

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,*

*<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,*

*<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.*

*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;*

*<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.*

*<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.*

*<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;*

*he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*

*<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;*

*<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.*

<sup>54</sup> *He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”*

R: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING TIME ELW #248 *PEOPLE, LOOK EAST* stz 1, 4  
ELW #282 *IT CAME UPON THE  
MIDNIGHT CLEAR  
GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN*  
stz 1, 3



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God in the manger,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, +  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #270 *HARK THE HERALD* stz 1, 2, 3

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on *In Dulci Jubilo* (BWV 751) by  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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