



December 18, 2016 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Gathering Song #646

“Sing Out, My Soul”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Nicole Fox and Alex John

We lit the candles for hope, peace and joy.

Today we light the candle of love.

This flame signifies the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times.

There is no greater power than love.

It is stronger than rulers and empires,

stronger than grief or despair,

stronger even than death.

We love, because God loves us

and commands us to love others.

Song #85

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Verse 4

Advent Prayer

Loving God, we open our lives to you this season

As we light these candles, light our lives with your vision for the world.

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Fill us with a joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.

Magnify your love within us,

prepare our lives to be transformed by you,

and fill our souls with Christ-like love

that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

Song #110

“Love Has Come”

Scripture

Isaiah 7:10-16

Christine Schiltz, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

“A Sign from the Lord”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Song #121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Verse 4

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

While we are waiting, come;

while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,

while we are waiting, come.

The Lord’s Prayer

Song #105

“People, Look East”

Sending

Response #95

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

After worship this morning, please join us for Christmas Caroling. Meet in Community Hall at 12:00 noon for a quick, hearty pizza lunch hosted by our deacons. At 12:30, we will divide into groups and go Christmas Caroling. All voices of all ages are welcome!

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Our Alternative Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Agnes Kochan Dubberly by her family.

Please remember in your prayers: Natalie Bush and Debbie Wat

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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