



**December 23, 2018 11:15 a.m.**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Gathering Song #87*

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

*Passing the Peace*

*Song #83*

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

Jennifer Trickey and her children Jax and Kendal

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 one another.**

*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.**

*Response #646*                      “Sing Out, My Soul”

*Scripture Lesson*                      Luke 1:39-45                      Mary Field, Lay Reader

*Response*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Response #646*                      “Sing Out, My Soul”

*Message*                      “The Power of Blessing”                      Greg Jones

*Song #110*                      “Love Has Come”

*Offering*

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

*Prayers of the People*

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Song #127*                      “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!”

*Sending*

*Song #121*                      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
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*Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room  
for coffee, tea, and fellowship.*

**We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning.** Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

**Please remember in your prayers** Joyce Ruston who was recently hospitalized.

**Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day.** The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles M. Krick, Jr. and Ann E. Linderman by Sue and Bob Linderman.

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

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