

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

9:30 a.m.

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*“The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.”*

*John 1:14 (The Message)*

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### WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

PRELUDE

Jim Aylward

*Chorale Prelude on “Lo, How a Rose”...Johannes Brahms*

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

No. 41

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Please pray silently, as the worship leader prays on our behalf):

**Loving God, we confess that in this Advent season we are easily distracted from the Main Event. You sent Jesus to live among us and save us from our sin, but still we neglect our relationship with Him. Forgive us, O God, and help us to open our hearts so that Jesus can take up residence within. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* Those who wish may stand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jesse and Vince Fernandes, Anne and Conrad Milner

ANTHEM

Chancel Bells

*What Child Is This...* Traditional, arr. Douglas Wagner

Richard Dinwiddie, director

### WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1, 14-18

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Rev. Anne Swanson

**“God Took Up Residence Among Us”**

### WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

*Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child...arr. Mark Hayes*

Richard Jackson, soloist; Richard Dinwiddie, director;

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist (CCLI #20405356)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CLOSING HYMN

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

No. 44

(Please silently meditate on the words of the hymn, as it is sung on our behalf.)

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

No. 29

(Please listen as the Benediction Response is sung on our behalf.)

POSTLUDE

*Gaudete...James Aylward*