

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"God works through real people with real challenges."

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE Bobbi Hunter

O Little Town of Bethlehem... Clay Christiansen
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Lou Pennebaker

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, in the beauty of the season, we often forget how difficult it must have been for Joseph and Mary long ago. We overlook the anxiety and concern they faced in those uncertain times. We, too, face uncertainty and heartache in our own daily lives. Help us, O Lord, to trust in Your ability to protect us and provide for us. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Those who wish may stand.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Swanson Family

ANTHEM Chancel Bells

"Ding Dong! Merrily on High" ...arr. Patricia Cota

Richard Dinwiddie, director

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WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL READING Sue Goodnow

Matthew 1:18-25

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ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Welcome to our World... Chris Rice, arr. Jack Schrader

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Anne Swanson

"Be Born in Us Today"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE No. 29

Go Tell It on the Mountain

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World... Joyce Jones

* Those who wish may stand.