

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

🎵 Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

Adeste Fideles ... David Blackwell

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up. For when we close our eyes,

All: we can see a better world.

One: When we close our eyes,

All: we can dream a better dream.

One: But when we open our eyes,

All: we begin the work of faith.

One: The power of worship is the same. When we enter this space,

All: we can see a better world.

One: When we enter this space,

All: we dream a better dream.

One: But when we leave this space,

All: we begin the work of faith.

One: So come in. Dream your dream.

All: Find hope, peace, joy and love here.

One: For when we leave,

All: we will begin the work of faith.

One: Let it be so.

Candle Lighting | The Candle of Hope · Don Cooper

* 🎵 Hymn of Praise · It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
No. 38

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of Good News, You say to each of us, "You are highly favored," but we struggle to see how that could be. You say to us, "Do not be afraid," but we are afraid all the time. You say to us, "Even the impossible is possible, just look at Elizabeth!" But hope slips through our hands like water. The impossible still feels impossible. So today we pray, teach us to sing like Mary. Teach us to laugh like Elizabeth. Teach us to trust like the angels. Forgive us when we can only do one at a time, or none at all. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* 🎵 Gloria Patri

No. 579

* Candle Lighting | The Candle of Peace · Loretta Botosh

* Passing of The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading · Sue Robertson

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (pg. 926)

Candle Lighting | The Candle of Joy · Cheryl Perenon

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🎵 **Anthem** · Chancel Choir

Christmas Sanctus ... Dee Engler

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist
(CCLI #20405356)

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-45 (pg. 1588)

Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

“Those Who Dream...Are Not Alone”

Fourth in the Series “Those Who Dream”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Candle Lighting | The Candle of Love · Lorraine Montgomery

* 🎵 **Hymn of Response** · O Little Town of Bethlehem
No. 44

Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings

🎵 **Anthem** · Chancel Bells

Christmas Triptych ... arr. James D. Kimball and Patricia Cota
Richard Dinwiddie, director (CCLI #20405356)

Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

* 🎵 **Closing Hymn** · Go, Tell It on the Mountain
No. 29

* **Benediction**

* 🎵 **Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace
Chancel Bells, descant

🎵 **Organ Postlude** · Mary Mackie

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