

4th Sunday in Advent December 19, 2021 9:30am

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Welcome

Procession

Prelude      Shri Tanna

\*Call to Worship

One: We gather in preparation.

**All: For good news is about to be proclaimed.**

One: We gather in expectation.

**All: For joy is about to explode in our midst.**

One: We gather in celebration.

**All: For we are those people who have said  
Yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed,  
Yes to the One incarnate for others,  
Yes to the wholeness of God**

One: With preparation and expectation,

**All: Let us celebrate!**

\*Opening Hymn      "O Little Town of Bethlehem"      No. 230

\*Advent Candle Lighting

One: We wait for light, and lo! There is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

**All: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

One: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness shall cover the peoples.

**All: But the Lord will arise upon you, and nations shall come to your light. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night.**

*(Three purple candles and one pink candle are lit)*

One: For the Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.

\*Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, sometimes we see your hand in little events, and sometimes we see it in the broad sweep of history. Stir our hearts, that we may be people of hope; help us seek you in your Word; and keep us from growing weary as we wait – that we may not miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music      Shri Tanna

Scripture Reading      Hebrews 10:5-10

\*Hymn      "O Come All Ye Faithful"      No. 234

Scripture Reading      Luke 1:39-45

Sermon      God is Love      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

\*Closing Hymn      "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"      No. 240

\*Benediction

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. If you would like one, please see an usher.**