

4th Sunday in Advent December 20, 2020 10:00am

Gathering

Welcome

Procession and Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.

All: Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.

One: It is close at hand.

All: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Song "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 221

Advent Candle Lighting

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

All: We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

(Three purple candles and one pink candle are lit)

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shined.

One: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;

All: Your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Special Music –

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.

Scripture Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Hymn of Preparation "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Our Plans, God's Plan Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" No. 234, v. 1-4

Blessing and Benediction

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