

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Prelude arr. Philip G. Kreckel

A Rose Breaks Into Bloom
John Michael Pfrommer, *pianist*

* Introit TRADITIONAL ENGLISH

Come Let us Dream

***Come, let us dream God's dream again
Come, one and all let us go to
the manger scene where those of old
saw God's new day on earth unfold.***

***The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,
the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low,
this is God's dream; let justice flow.***

Call to Worship Roger Pace

Leader: Come, let us dream God's dream again.

**All: Come, one and all, let us go to the manger scene where
those of old saw God's new day on earth unfold.**

Leader: Come let us dream a dream of love.

**All: Let us journey to Bethlehem where love is found as a new
family is formed in the mystery of God's salvation.**

Invocation Roger Pace

* Hymn of Praise 107 *Oh, Come, Little Children* SCHULZ

Lighting of the Love Candle Teresa Bullock and Susan Weaver

Leader: On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the magi who
offered gifts of love to Jesus.

**All: May we remember God's love for us and our call to love one
another.**

Advent Hymn *O Coming Lord* COMING LORD

***O coming Lord teach us to wait, not hurry, but anticipate. All of the
joys yet to be spent; fill us with love on this Advent. O coming Lord,
O coming Lord, fill us with love on this Advent.***

Children's Sermon Rev. Holly Hatton

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Worship in Song *Candlelight Carol* John Rutter

Gayla Fosce, *soprano*

* Congregational Response *Doxology* VENI EMMANUEL

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.***

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

John 1: 1-5, 10-14

(page 918 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God
among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

**Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Letting the Light In

Choral Worship arr. Stan Pethel

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

The Sanctuary Choir

(The text may be found in Hymn 93)

Prayers of the People Rev. Ray Hatton

The Lord's Prayer Rev. Ray Hatton

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI

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***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen, Amen.***

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 118 GREENSLEEVES

What Child Is This

The Welcoming of New Members

**In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for
you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes.
We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace.**

* Commission and Blessing Roger Pace

Leader: Come, let us dream God's dream again . . .

All: Come, let us dream a dream of love.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Postlude arr. Lani Smith

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Aaron Foster, *organist*

***Per the policy of FBC, masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at
all times in the building. Thank you.***

Today's worship participants are John Michael Pfrommer, our guest pianist,
Roger Pace, Teresa Bullock, Susan Weaver, and Gayla Foscoe. Harold
Weaver is today's audio tech volunteer and Skip Howard is today's video
recording volunteer.

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

Advent means "coming" or "arrival" and marks the beginning of the
liturgical year. During this season we light a new Advent candle each
week, read specially chosen scripture and count down the days until
Christ's Birth, all in an effort to prepare our hearts for the coming
Messiah.