

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 22nd, 2024

**PRELUDE** *Canon de Noel* Joe Martin

## WELCOME & PRAYER

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the fourth Sunday of Advent, a time to rejoice in the wondrous things God is doing.

**C: Our hearts are filled with the hope that is coming into the world.**

L: The time is fast approaching, not for parties or presents, but for the awareness of God's loving gift to us—the gift of the Christ child.

**C: Help us slow down, Lord, that we may realize that your gift of love is at the center of our lives and our celebrations.**

L: Thanks be to God who again reminds us of God's eternal love.

**C: Open our hearts, O Lord, to receive your blessed gift. Amen.**

\*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Red #272

## PASSING THE PEACE

## ADVENT CANDLE-LOVE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC Ella Ferguson

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**A: Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you constantly open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our**

***unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace.***

-Silence for personal confession-

**A: We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-16 (p. 1740)  
Matthew 1:18-25 (p. 1374)

## RESPONSE

L: *The word of the Lord for our good.*

**A: Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Ray Wright

## PRAYING WITH AND FOR ONE ANOTHER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)

OFFERING *Lullaby Jesus* A Polish Carol

## \*DOXOLOGY

\*HYMN *What Child is This* Insert

## CHURCH LIFE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* C. Berry

*For December 15, 2024*

Contributions to Gen Fund: \$4,164; YTD:  
\$147,476 (Budget: \$2,789; YTD: \$136,679)  
Attendance: 61 sanctuary/13 online

## *Poinsettia Tributes*

### ***In Memory of***

- ...our son, Kyle Derek, by Tom & Irene Edmunds.*
- ...loved ones during this season by Doug & Ella Ferguson.*
- ...Frank & Olca Roman by Kevin & Francine Walker*
- ... Ed & Darlene Walker by Kevin & Francine Walker*
- ...Allen Walker by Kevin & Francine Walker*
- ...Tom Eichman by Bob & Leslie Richardson*
- ...Cecil Richardson by Bob & Leslie Richardson*
- ...Our beloved sister, Donna, by Marilyn & Jack Beistel*
- ...Karl Schmidt by Doug & Missie Schmidt and family*
- ...Donna & Earl Hinkel by Doug & Missie Schmidt and family*
- ...Donald Sobr Sr by Millie Capp*
- ...Suzann Capp by Ed Capp*
- ...Delores & Etalo Brescancine by Linda & Gary Oberholtzer*
- ...Mabel & Roy Oberholtzer by Linda & Gary Oberholtzer*
- ...Bill & Sabra Nesbitt by Bi8ll & Ellen Miller*
- ...Bill & Jean Miller by Bill & Ellen Miller*
- ...brother Jim Hanawalt by Patti & John Hanawalt*

### ***...In Honor of***

- ...our Lord & Savior by Alan & Claire Gallagher.*
- ...family by Kevin & Francine Walker*
- ... Cathy Wingear by Doug & Missie Schmidt and family*

### ***In Celebration of***

- ...the birth of Jesus Christ who sacrificed his life to save us*  
*all by Doug & Ella Ferguson*
- ...the birth of Jesus by Joe & MaryEllen Rutter*
- ...the Christmas season by Patti & John Hanawalt*