
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CONNECTING **FAITH,**
FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY

The Worship of God

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Paul Manz

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Paul Manz

GREETING

From the One who was, who is, and who is to come:

Grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord,

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me,

And holy is God's name.

HYMN 108

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's Love Begotten (verses 1, 3, 5, and 6)

Of the Father's love begotten,

ere the worlds began to be,

he is Alpha and Omega;

he the source, the ending he,

of the things that are, that have been,

and that future years shall see,

evermore and evermore!

O, that birth forever blessed

when the Virgin, full of grace,

by the Holy Ghost conceiving,

bore the Savior of our race,

and the babe, the world's Redeemer,

first revealed his sacred face,

evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven, adore him.
Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of Elizabeth and Mary,
you visited your servants
with news of the world's redemption
in the coming of the Savior.
Make our hearts leap with joy,
and fill our mouths with songs of praise,
that we may announce glad tidings of peace and goodwill,
and welcome Christ into our midst. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Randi McNally

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

II Samuel 7:1–11, 16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Wexford Carol

Laura Erickson & Sharon Stilwell

Douglas E. Wagner

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:26–38

SERMON

The Journey of Advent

Wallace W. Bubar

HYMN 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth; wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glory!

RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

O giver of hope:
Hear our prayer.

SENDING

HYMN 132

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

Christmas Flowers

The poinsettias, flowers and greenery gracing the church have been given by:

Barbara Amend and family in memory of Ralph Amend;

Mary Alice Baker, Joan Middleton, John Lowe and their families in memory of Herman & Betty Behrendt;

Mary Alice Baker, Joan Middleton, John Lowe and their families in memory of Jack Baker, Abby Hansen and Lyle Middleton;

Nancy Bassett, Jon & Jackie Bassett and Will & Emilie Bassett in memory of Marvin & Jean Selden;

Shirley Beneke and family in memory of her neighbor Dick Freed;

Shirley Beneke and family in honor of Joanne Locke with gratitude for her many kindnesses throughout the years;

David & Nancy Boyd in memory of their parents, The Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth R. Boyd and Mr. & Mrs. C.F. Shimanek;

Lynn & Linda Bridie in memory of Jody Reynolds;

Gwen Brown in memory of her husband, Robert Brown, and her granddaughter Isabel Bee Brown;

Marilynn Cedarstrom in memory of Cleon & Iva Rutherford, her father and mother;

Marilynn Cedarstrom in memory of her husband, Larry Cedarstrom;

Chancel Choir family in honor of Lois & Wendell Harms with love;

Clare Copley in memory of Kenneth, Leda and Jim Copley;

Laura Covill in memory of her parents, Rudolph & Theresa Gand, and her sister, Joan Gand;

The Corwin and Mitchell families in memory of Chuck Corwin, deeply missed and forever loved;

Ellen Corwin in honor of her and Chuck's four children, eleven children and great-grandson;

Kim & Matt Coulter in memory of Annette Coulter;

Mary Cox in memory of Louis & Pauline Krantz, her in-laws;

Mary Cox in memory of Betty Davison, her sister;

Susy and Alison Damon in memory of Phyllis Damon, their sister;

Ann Davidson in memory of Ted Davidson, her husband,
and their parents, Mr. & Mrs. H.W. Townsend and
Dr. & Mrs. T.E. Davidson;

Ann Davidson in memory of her grandson, Ryan Davidson;

Rich Dewein, Tyler, Sarah, Abigayle & Penelope Reihmann, and
Andrew, Tiffany, Bryna & Landrey Dewein in memory of
Yvonne Dewein, Ed Vickroy, and Arlo Wagner;

Rich Dewein in honor of the Chancel Choir and their dedication
of their time and talents;

Marge Edwards in memory of Jim Edwards and their parents;

Bob & Sheri Egge in honor of their grandchildren – Norah &
Harper, Alex & Natalie, Thadd & Cole and in celebration of
the birth of Coleman Egge;

Bob & Sheri Egge in memory of their parents and Bob's brother,
Jim Egge;

Michael & Barbara Gartner in memory of their son, Christopher;

Michael & Barbara Gartner in memory of Art & Ginny McCoy,
parents of Barbara;

Michael & Barbara Gartner in memory of Carl & Margie Gartner,
parents of Michael;

Jo Ghrist in memory of Tom Ghrist and Diane Ghrist;

Randy & Mary Gordon in memory of Elizabeth Wagner,
Robert & Jean Finnell, John & Pat Gordon, Neal Gordon and
Carolyn Finnell Schluter;

Kay Grother in memory of Kathryn Grother;

Bill & Lori Haakinson, Gwen Brown, Joanne Haakinson, Betty Elgin,
Doug Fontanini in memory of Bill & Mary Haakinson and
Guido & Flora Jean Fontanini;

Joanne Haakinson in honor of The Rev. Wallace Bubar;

Wendell & Lois Harms in memory of Dick & Wilma Grifhorst,
Fred & Lena Harms and Jim Grifhorst;

Chris, Karen, Grace & Lily Henderson in memory
of Isabel Henderson;

Chris, Karen, Grace & Lily Henderson in memory
of Margo Henderson;

Becky Jackovich and Lyn Elsberry in memory of their parents
Fran & Stan Jackovich;

Dwight & Lois James in memory of Martin & Margaret Williams
and Dwight S. & Anna Mae James;

Connie Klug & Paul Tavernier in honor of the staff at long-term
care facilities who are caring for COVID-19 patients – heroes
one and all;

Dan, Courtney, Sam, Abby & Tori LaPole in memory
of Steve LaPole and Mavinee Black;

Robert & Cynthia Lidgett and family in loving memory of their
wonderful parents, Berry O. Burt and Elizabeth P. Burt;

Robert & Cynthia Lidgett and family in memory of Cynthia's
brother, Greg Burt;

Joanne Locke in memory of her beloved husband, John;

John Lowe in memory of his grandparents, his uncle,
Lyle Middleton, his cousin, Abby Hansen, and his dad,
Jack Baker;

John Lowe in honor of his Mom and good neighbor,
Mary Alice Baker;

Dennis & Elizabeth Moore in memory of Charles & Lorraine Moore
and Dale Thatcher;

Dennis & Elizabeth Moore in honor of Central Presbyterian Church
staff;

Mary Jean Paschen in memory of Steve Roberts and in honor of
Dawn Roberts;

Mary Jean Paschen in honor of Pastor Wallace Bubar and the staff
at Central Presbyterian Church;

Lynda Pitts in memory of David Pitts;

The Rademacher, Proctor and McGuire families in memory
of Joseph Proctor;

Karen Rehberg in memory of Michael L. Rehberg and
Mary Wuksinich;

Tyler, Sarah, Abigayle & Penelope Reihmann in memory
of Yvonne Dewein, Joyce Reihmann, and
Helen & Louis Sandersfeld;

The Sanford, Jones and Mayes families in memory of
Robert "Scotty" Jones, beloved son, brother and father;

The Sanford, Jones and Mayes families in memory of
William "Billy" Franklin Mayes, beloved father and brother;

Ralph Schilling in memory of his beloved wife, Joanna M. Schilling;

Mark & Barb Schmidt in memory of their parents, John & Ingrid
Schmidt and Dr. Raymond & Willa Jones;

Billie Sturges in memory of Wendell Sturges, her husband,
Rosella & Pentz Ketchum, her parents, and
Donnella Sturges, her mother-in-law;

Beth Triebel in memory of George & Martha Triebel;

Carl & Susan Voss in memory of Harold & Charlotte Lamb,
Vic & Mary Helen Muell, and Dick & Nell Voss;

Carl & Susan Voss in honor of the staff of Central Presbyterian
Church;

Julie Will in memory of her parents, Charles Kingsley & Anne
Cownie, and her grandparents, Charles & Ivadelle Cownie.

About Today's Service

Assisting in worship today:

Liturgist: Dan Tripp

Organist: Lois Harms

Music Director: Rich Dewein

Musical Offering: Laura Erickson and Sharon Stilwell

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We strive to be a Christian congregation
dedicated to a strong tradition of worship,
committed to spiritual inquiry and growth,
caring for one another,
and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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