

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

THE BLESSING OF GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Carol of the Bells”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The angels proclaimed it!

The shepherds saw it! Mary treasured it!

The King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, our God has been born in Bethlehem!

Let us join in the celebration! Let us sing joy to the world for the Lord has come.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King!

Let every heart prepare Him room,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n and nature sing,

and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

and makes the nations prove

the glories of His righteousness

and wonders of His love,

and wonders of His love,

and wonders, wonders of His love.

***INVOCATION**

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

THE LIGHTING OF THE LOVE CANDLE

Rev. Dr. Ben

Bohren

Rev. Edd Spencer

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

“Clappers”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-11

John 15:9-11

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Worship Leader

SERMON

"Believe in Joy"

Rev. Edd Spencer

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Angels we have heard on high,

sweetly singing o'er the plains,

and the mountains in reply

echoing their joyous strains:

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see

Christ who comes in lowly birth;

Come, adore on bended knee

Jesus, joy of heav'n and earth.. [Refrain]

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Edd Spencer

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ginny Guindon

Worship Leader

Offertory

“The First Noel”

Margaret Cox

Pianist

Hymn

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
Chorus: And they’ll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*Offertory Prayer

*Ginny Guindon
Worship Leader*

THE GIFT FROM JESUS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Rev. Dr. Ben
Bohren*

**COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord’s Prayer

*Judy Sellers
Elder*

**THE
COMMUNION**

The passing of the holy communion.

SHARING GOD’S LOVE WITH OTHERS

***HYMN OF
DEDICATION**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Refrain:

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev’rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. [Refrain]*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]*

***BENEDICTION**

(Hold hands with the person near you.)

Rev. Edd Spencer

POSTLUDE

“Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

*Congregation standing – as able or willing

**Christmas Eve Worship
Sunday, December 24th**

4:00pm Traditional Communion Candlelight Christmas Worship in the Sanctuary..