

December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Liturgist: 8:30am Joyce Teghtmeyer; 10:30am Todd Doyals
*Please Stand

Prelude Sophia Lee

Welcome & Opening Prayer Rev. Chuck Horton

Announcements Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: The Angel said to the shepherds: “And this will be a sign for you, you will find a baby wrapped up in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger.”

People: Let the sign that was for the shepherds, also be a sign for each of us. For we ourselves cannot personally go back there to that moment, and see the baby born in the stable, wrapped in strips of cloth. Their sign will do for us.

Leader: But even more, God, gives us signs, signs that we can hear and see and feel, signs that reveal Jesus to us and speak from heaven straight into our hearts and minds. Signs that are meant to leave us in as much awe in Christ’s presence as the shepherds experienced in that stable so long ago.

People: You call us to worship You. In many ways, You call us to worship You. In more ways than we can count, or even are aware of, You call us to worship You. We come today to listen for the angels, to pay attention to Your voice, to see the signs you have for us. We come today to hasten to You, to worship You, to kneel before You, to adore You. For You have come to save us through Jesus who is Christ the Lord.

*Opening Hymn “There’s a Song in the Air” UMH 249

UNISON PRAYER Liturgist

O Lamb of God, we come with wonder at the story of the Gospel. For You are the living gift of love from God. Your Son was not only given TO us, but also FOR us. Your Son came to earth to take away the sin of the world—and my own right along with it. You have come to do for me what I simply cannot ever do for myself. I am insufficient, but You are all sufficient. On this the fourth Sunday of Advent, our theme is Love. And it is only because of Your Love that I can rise today, clean and cleansed in my spirit and conscience, only through Your love are we bought and brought into sweet intimacy with You. You took my sin on Your shoulders in Your death, and arose to defeat its power forever. Thank You. We not only light this fourth candle upon our church’s altar, we also light it on the altars of our hearts, for You have, and You always will, love me and love us and love all. I worship You, Lamb of God, in this season of Advent. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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8:30am: Winston & Suzan Gates

10:30am: Steve & Helen Barnes

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On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of love.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! (1 John 3:1)

This is how God showed His love: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. (1 John 4:9)

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

All people will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. (John 13:34-35)

Choir Anthem	“In The Silence”	Craig Courtney
*Scripture	Luke 2:1-20 (RSV)	Rev. Chuck Horton
Sermon	“The Sign in a Manger”	Rev. Chuck Horton
Special Music	“What Child is This?” Abby Wright & Rachel Carruth	arr. Sally Deford
Children’s Moment		Mason Carman
*Hymn	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH 238
Affirmation of Faith		881
Pastoral Prayer		
*Benediction		
*Parting Song	“Go Tell it on the Mountain “	UMH 251
Postlude		Sophia Lee