

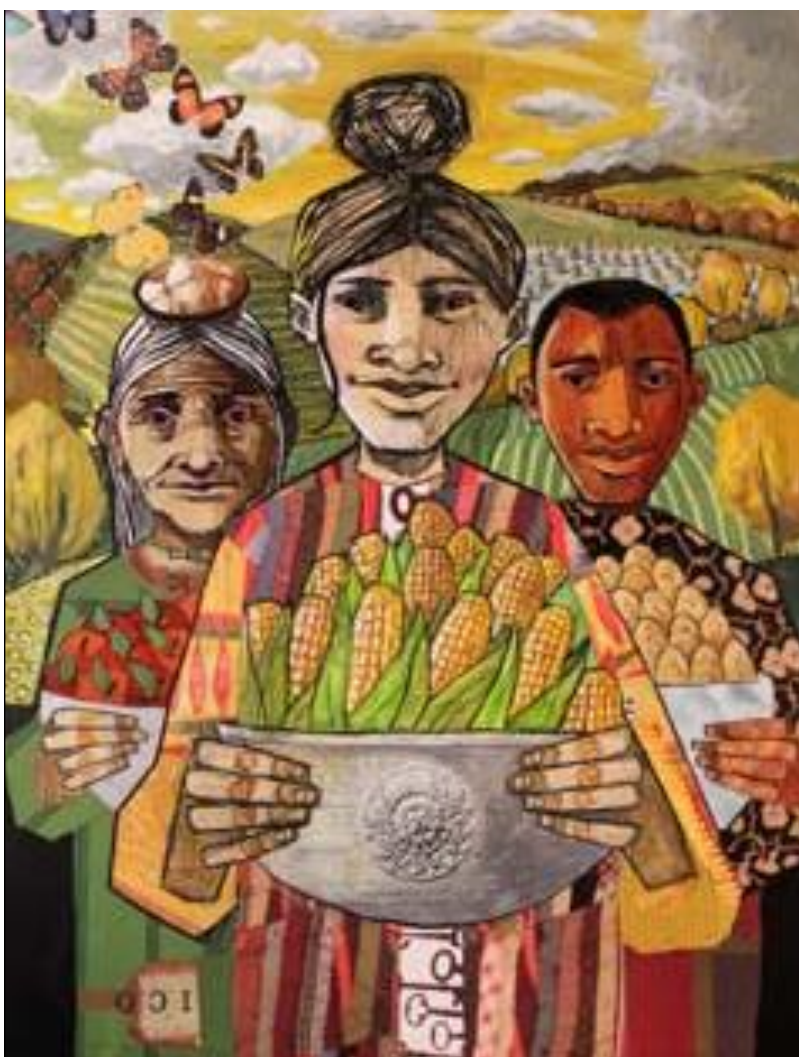


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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 19, 2021 (*Love*)



C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
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Lauren Somple, Liturgist  
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*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah...  
... and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth ... ~ Matthew 1*

~ **GATHERING** ~

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Mic. 5:2, 5*)

A ruler will come from Bethlehem,  
**and he will be the shepherd of peace.**

**POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEACON AND ELDER**

NANCY JERMANN, DEBBIE MESSENGER, R. DAVID RAHN (*Deacons*)

JOHN BAIR, JOE STERN (*Elders*)

**PRELUDE**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Lauren Somple

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,  
**to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.**

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,  
**to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.**

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,  
**to a stable called a nursery, with a light of love.**

As we light our fourth Advent candle,  
**we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.**

Come now, O Child of Mary, **Come now, O Child of Love.**

Let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

**RESPONSE**

**MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS**

GTG #89

By Marty Haugen

Refrain / Verse 4

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord will give you a sign.

**Look, the young woman is with child.**

She shall bear a son,

**she will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.**

In love, come let us worship God.

**HYMN****O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

GTG #121

Text by Phillips Brooks; Music by Lewis Henry Redner

ST. LOUIS

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our fears and our hopes are braided together in the rhythm of daily life. Our visions of the future depend on our own hands and ability. Our expectations remain reasonable and within our control. Break into this tangle of fear and hope, bringing peace to our souls. Break into our vision of the future, returning us to your hands. Break into our expectations, awakening us with curiosity and wonder; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE****O COME, O COME EMMANUEL**

GTG #88

French Antiphon

Refrain / Verse 4

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Christ's coming is certain. **God's promise is true.**

Trust in the transformational power of God's forgiveness and receive the gift of God's love. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and beloved!**

**Thanks be to God.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**RESPONSE****SONG OF HOPE**

GTG #765

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**May God be with you there. May God be with you here.**

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION****GRANDMOTHERS OF ADVENT: RUTH**

Connie Smith

*... and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth ...*

**HEBREW BIBLE**

RUTH 2

NRSV (select verses)

**GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 1:39-55

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

GRANDMOTHER OF LOVE

Rev. Wigger

**\*RESPONSE**

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

GTG #88

French Antiphon

Refrain / Verses 5,7

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS** (*See Insert*)

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**RESPONSE**

GLORY, GLORY, GLORY

GTG #584

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**~ SENDING ~**

**HYMN**

SONG OF MARY

GTG #99

*Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*

MORNING SONG

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**



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Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA);  
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## INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

**THANK YOU!**

NINA KAZAROVICH, DEACON

CAROL TOMASKO, ELDER

MADELINE WATESKA, DEACON

**2022 ELDERS:**

JOHN BAIR

JOE STERN

**2022 DEACONS:**

NANCY JERMANN

DEBBIE MESSENGER

R. DAVID RAHN

### *Sentences of Scripture*

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

### *Profession*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

