



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

POP-UP PAGEANT

Love ~ December 18, 2022



C.J. Briggs, Music Director
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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

“Everyone had been waiting all this time for the Herdmans to do something absolutely unexpected. And sure enough, that was what happened. Imogene Herdman was crying. She just sat there-awful old Imogene-in her crookedy veil, crying and crying and crying. Well. It was the best Christmas pageant we ever had.” ~ Barbara Robinson

~ **ACT I: GET READY!** ~

*If today is your first time visiting, or if you are here every Sunday,
or if you haven't been to church in a while: Welcome, we are glad you are here!*

WELCOME TO THE POP-UP PAGEANT (*Romans 16:25-27*)

The mystery of the ages is now revealed.

To God be the glory forever! Amen.

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Cook/Lehmann Family

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

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, let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

HYMN

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

GTG #88

Verses 1-2

VENI EMMANUEL

I SCENE I

THE RESCUER WILL COME

Hebrew Prophets

HYMN

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

GTG #88

Verses 3-4

VENI EMMANUEL

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be saved. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE**

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

GTG #82

by Charles Wesley

Verse 1

INSTRUMENTAL

III SCENE I ANGELS LIGHT THE WAY *Luke 2*

CAROL IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR GTG #123
Verse 1

III SCENE II STORY OF THE SHEPHERDS *Luke 2*

CAROL THERE'S A STAR IN THE EAST GTG #135
African American spiritual

III SCENE III THE LIGHT OF THE WHOLE WORLD *Luke 2*

~ ACT IV: FOLLOW! ~

REPRISE THERE'S A STAR IN THE EAST GTG #135
African American spiritual

IV SCENE I A CHRISTMAS BLESSING *Benediction*

***RESPONSE** GOD BE WITH YOU 'TILL WE MEET AGAIN *(verse 1)* #541
Jeremiah Eames Rankin RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE



JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE AT 7:00PM

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Call to Worship*
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