

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SERVICES OF WORSHIP**

8:30 and 11 a.m., December 20

*"...For the Mighty One has done great things for me — holy is his name."
– Luke 1:49*

GATHERING MUSIC Praise Team

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" vs. 1–4

ORGAN PRAISE Roderick Gorby

"Fanfare on Adeste Fideles".....Gorby

CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Holz

(based on Isaiah 60)

Leader: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

People: that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life!

Leader: Come, let us adore him!

People: Come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1–3

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS Tim McConnell

PRAYER OF ADORATION

WELCOME AND GREETING

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Calvin Conn, Peter Dillon and Jack Hebert, First Pres Fellows

SONG OF PRAISE

"Mary, Did You Know?"

CALL TO CONFESSION

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things — our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy into Your kingdom. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER John Goodale

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (ARCHIVED DECEMBER 22, 2019)

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim DeJarnette

"Angels We Have Heard on High".....Longhurst

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SERMON

WONDER: "Great Things"

Luke 1:46–55 Tim McConnell

Scripture read by Carol Galambos and Christine Weems

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1–3

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on Mendelssohn".....Gorby

Praise Team: Matt Holtzman, Yvette Pezan, Worship Leaders;
Jason Crowe, Bass; Scott Barbier, Percussion

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William Erwin – 12/8/2020

Pray for those in hospital/short-term rehab

Penrose Main – Mr. Byron Reid

Center at Centennial – Mrs. Huetta Hausman Johnson

Center at Cordera – Mrs. Mary Ellen Davidson, Mrs. Nell Swartz

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