



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

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PRELUDE/PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE BLESSING

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SONG *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”* (v.4) #240

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God, we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God’s timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. **Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God’s own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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- Heaven’s View “Baby Jesus”
- Tone Chimes “Carol of the Bells”
- Three Wise Men’s Christmas
 - “The Wise Men’s Journey”
 - “Beautiful Star in the East”
 - “Wise, Wise Men”
 - “Come Celebrate Christmas”
- Christmas Letters

- OFFERTORY “We Three Kings” Youth Band
- OFFERING RESPONSE “He Came Down” #253

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- COMMUNION SONG “Lamb of God” p.146

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All are welcome!
Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark) (gluten free wafer available upon request).

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

May God who comes among us, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Joy to the World”

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DISMISSAL

Prepare for the Coming One.

O Come, O Come Immanuel