

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20th, 2020, 9:15 am

Announcements (Slides)

Prelude

He is the Light

BAUMC Families

Words of Welcome and Call to Worship

The impossible is about to happen in a stable.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined!

This is about the evening when creation stood still and held its breath,
for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

This is about the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. Amen!

Advent Wreath Lighting (Video)

Candle of Love

Jay, Andrea, Brayleigh, Justin & Gigi Sergi

Opening Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

Opening Prayer

Special Music

Noel

Kristen Brought

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Gospel Reading

John 1: 1-14

Special Music

In the Bleak Midwinter

Dan Lampton

Sermon

“Incarnation: All is Bright!”

Rev. Deb Lampton

Hymn

Light of the World

TFWS 2204

Communion & The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

May the Eyes of Your Heart

See below

Postlude

Faith Under Fire

Offering Our Gifts to God



I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Light of the World

You are the Light of the World, O Lord, and you make your servant shine.

So how could there be any darkness in me if you are the Light of the World?

You are the Light of the World.

You are the Bread of Life, O Lord, broken to set us free.

So how could there be any hunger in me if you are the Bread of Life?

You are the Bread of Life.

You've overcome the world, O Lord, and given us victory.
So why should I fear when trouble is near if you've overcome the world?
You've overcome the world.

The Lord's Prayer: Advent

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—
hallowed be your name.

Christ our Lord, you descended to earth, to a lowly manger to bring all nations under your rule
and draw us into your holy and perfect presence.

We bow at your manger in awe of your might. Immanuel, God with us—hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Prince of Peace, make your kingdom complete.

May we prepare a way for your kingdom
wherever there is violence and hatred
wherever there is oppression and injustice
wherever there is quarreling and alienation.

May we prepare a way for your kingdom of peace, where the wolf will live with the lamb and the leopard
will lie down with the kid.

In us, through us, and around us, your kingdom come.

Give us today our daily bread.

Bread of life, feed us with your truth.

In a season of greed and selfish desires, may we see that we are sustained only by your providence.
May our eagerness to open our gifts pale in comparison to our joy to receive the gift of the Savior. May
our discontent disappear as we approach the day of your coming.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We need a Savior to come to us.

For our worry and our scurrying this Advent season, forgive us.
For the way we make this a season of shopping rather than waiting, forgive us.
For the security and comfort we seek from sources other than you, forgive us.
For our indifference to the wonder of your coming, forgive us.

Come to us, Savior of the world.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

Protect us from the constant dangers and enticing temptations we face each day.
Deliver us from the oppressive evils of apathy, addiction, and abuse.

Strengthen your church when it faces persecution for announcing the coming of your kingdom.

Comfort all who are suffering in their hearts or in their bodies; give them health and peace to sing of your
power.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Word who became flesh and lived among us, we have seen your glory, full of grace and truth.

You come to us now, and you will come to us again in glory, when we will join all heaven and earth in
giving you blessing and honor and glory and might forever!

Until that glorious day, we praise you for becoming one of us, and we long for your glory to be fully
revealed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

May the Eyes of Your Heart

May the eyes of your heart see through the darkness
See the light that shining in the night
May the eyes of your heart forever be enlightened
Pierce the night with the eyes of your heart.