FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021

9:00 AM



New Song

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Steven Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP AND ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING The Eastmoore / Weitekamp Family

Blessed are those who believe that God's word finds fulfillment.

(Four Advent candles are lit.)

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

As the Lord has promised, in days to come.
The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child.

She shall bear a son,
and name him Emmanuel: "God is with us."

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

SONGS OF WORSHIP *Joy to the World*
What Child Is This

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Holy God,
We gather as your people, moved by
the beauty of this room,
the memories that fill our hearts,
the need that is etched on our neighbor's face,
the fathomless gift of your love.

Forgive our half-hearted incarnations of that love.
Come to us now, until we
trust you more than the governors of this world,
receive the witness of unlikely angels,
amaze our neighbors with unsettling news,
and tremble with a joy that must be shared.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Molly Horner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-55

SERMON *From Generation to Generation* Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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?

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 again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION Elder David Householder

Do we, as members of the church, accept these officers, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DEDICATION AND CHARGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Steven Phillips

SONG OF RESPONSE *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

SENDING SONG *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

BENEDICTION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

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