

# Fourth Sunday in Advent - December 24, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

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MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

MUSICAL PRELUDE - KAREN WARNELL

GATHERING SONG: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" LBW #45

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

L: In the beginning was the Word, **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

L: In the Word was life, **and the life was the light of all people.**

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us, **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

SCRIPTURE  
SONG



☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to



Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



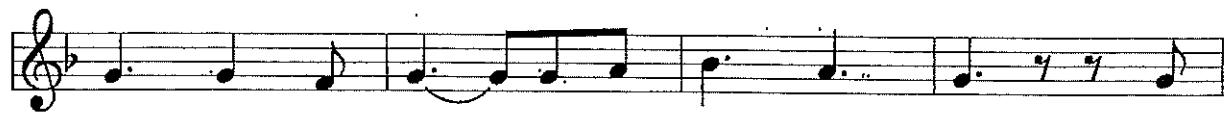
☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.



Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, the Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, may your Spirit kindle in us patience and peace as we wait for the coming of your Son, and the humility and boldness to proclaim his reign. **We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

WORD

READINGS

FIRST READING - 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16 (*pew Bible, p. 305*) **Thanks be to God.**

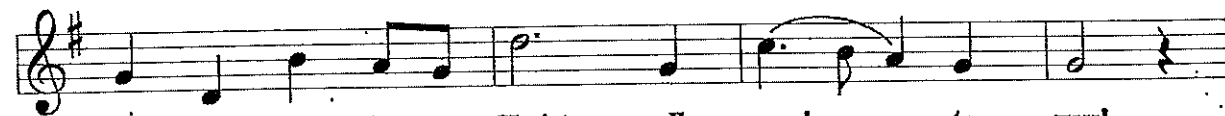
SECOND READING - ROMANS 16:25-27 (*pew Bible, p. 1130*) **Thanks be to God.**

KC JAM/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



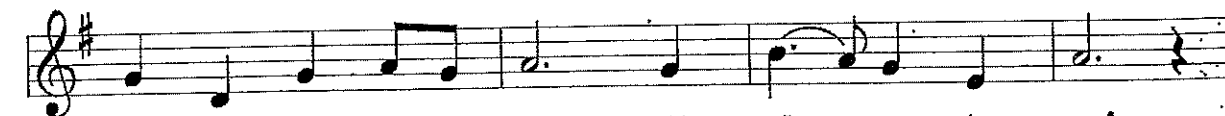
Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip-tures,



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 1:26-38 (*pew Bible, p. 1016*)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE - "Migraine!" *(Silence for reflection will follow)*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LBW #34

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.  
on the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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**

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God; **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

L: Gracious God, **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

PEACE

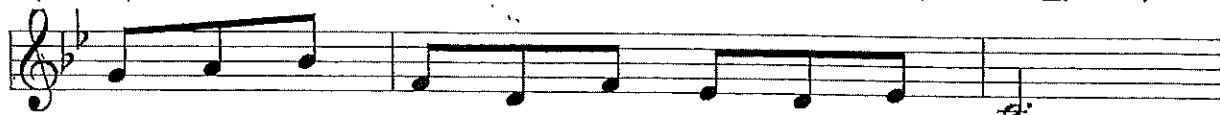
L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER

### OFFERTORY



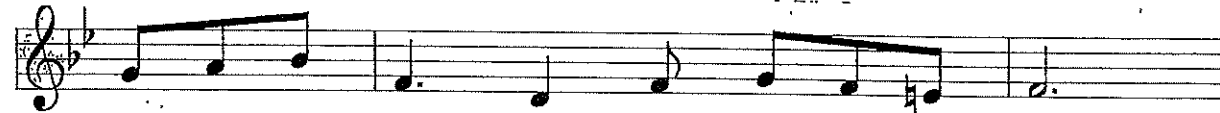
Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



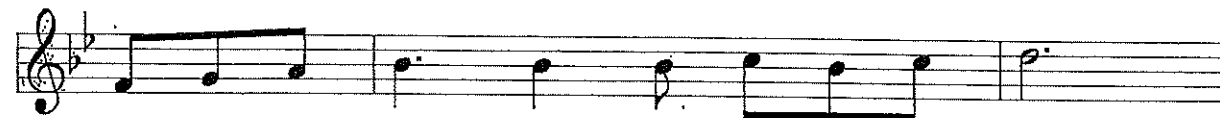
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

L: Let us pray. Merciful God, in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### THE PRAYERS

L: As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Prayer for the whole Church.....Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Prayer for the nations.....Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Prayer for those in need....Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Prayer for the parish....Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Prayer for special concerns....Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

L: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer**

P: Almighty God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG: "What Child is This" LBW #40

CALL COMMITTEE PRAYER

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**