

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 19, 2021

10:45 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
JESUS BRINGS PEACE TO THE WORLD

Greeting
Announcements
Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle
Prelude

Call to Worship

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Psalm 29:1-2

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation - Lord's Prayer

*Gloria Patri (No. 734)

*Hymn No. 208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Call to Confession: John 3:19

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. On this Christmas season, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy as the shepherds; with gratitude as Simeon; with obedience as Mary; with love as You have loved us. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

Private Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Thanks Be to God!

*Hymn No. 218 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Offertory

*The Doxology (No. 731) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Scripture Matthew 1:18-23

Message Reverend McIntyre

*Hymn No. 224 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Benediction

*Response: Threefold Amen

Postlude

***Standing**

A CRY ROOM IS AVAILABLE JUST OFF THE VESTIBULE
A NURSERY FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IS PROVIDED IN GRACE HALL