

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24, 2023

10:45 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JESUS BRINGS PEACE ON EARTH

Greeting

Announcements

Lighting of Fourth Advent Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship

Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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. In 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!

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 Luke 2

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