

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4th Sunday Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle –

Welcome

Call to Worship

L. Greetings, God's beloved ones, God is with you this day.

P. Let us sing of God's steadfast love and tell of God's mercy.

L. Favored ones, God calls us to worship and to ponder.

P. Let us, with all the heavens and the earth declare God's wonders.

L. Servants of God, the Holy One is present with us, now and always.

P. Let us tell of God's faithfulness to all generations.

Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise SH #4

"O Worship the King"

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

God of surprises, we pretend not to hear your messengers calling our names. We look away, sure that there must be a mistake, for we are afraid to believe that you would trust us to bear you into the world. We are just ordinary people trying to get by. We wish you would choose someone else. Have mercy on us, O Most High. Help us to believe with Mary. Send your Spirit upon us, that we may indeed live for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (Silence)Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together

Children's Message:

Christmas Joy Offering

Anthem

Service of the Word

Scripture: OT: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 NT: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: ""Do Not Be Afraid"" CLP Rebecca A. O'Dell

Responding in Faith

+Hymn of Adoration SH# 68 "There's a Song in the Air"

+Affirmation of Faith

+Apostles Creed

+Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

+Hymn of Commitment SH # 61 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Sending Out into the World

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Unity Presbyterian Church!

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

Calendar of Events

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