



Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our
community – doing justice, loving mercy
and walking humbly with our God.*

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Lord's Day

December 20, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Polish Carol
arr. Victor Labenske

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Rebecca Turner, piano

As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to Worship

Barbara Jean Callaway

Luke 1:46-55; NRSV

One: The Good News offered for all.

All: Thanks be to God.

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: Love

Ansley Boggs

The Hymn of Praise

ADESTE FIDELES

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, o come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him... Christ the
Lord!

2. True God of true God, light from light eternal, lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created. O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, o sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him... Christ the Lord!

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Christmas Tree

Raquel Cox-Tennal

Advent Musical Reflection

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Quia respexit
from Magnificat*

Clare Johnson, soprano; Tyerra Clayborne, oboe; Rebecca Turner, piano
(Recorded December 8, 2019)

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae. For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent. Behold, from henceforth, I will be called blessed.

The Gospel Reading

Matt Johnson

Luke 1:26-38; NRSV

One: The Good News offered for all.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

What is God Growing Inside You?

The Offertory Prayer

Lloyd Callaway

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

VENI EMMANUEL
arr. Aaron Jackson

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Aaron Jackson, marimba

The Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Hymn of Response

PLEADING SAVIOR

Christians All, Your Lord is Coming

1. Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth.
Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth.
Dance and move to show God's glory; kneel and pause to hear God's word.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard.

2. Christians all, your Lord is coming, calling you to serve in deed.
See the ones who hurt and suffer, hear their cry and act with speed.
Set all selfish ways behind you. Purge your hearts of sinful greed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ in you will meet their need.

3. Christians all, your Lord is coming, he will rise up from the dead.
Lift the cup of sin forgiven; bless the host and eat his bread.
Mend the ways where peace is broken, give yourselves to true Shalom.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Dwell as one in church and home.

4. Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand.
let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.
Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Traditional French Carol
arr. Anna Laura Page

Angels We Have Heard on High
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.

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Our Guest Musician: Aaron Jackson is a recent graduate of Gardner-Webb University, having earned a degree in Music Education. He has a passion for percussion, composition, and music ministry, and is currently a percussionist in the Salvation Army Southern Territory Brass Band. Aaron was born in Texas, but he now calls Charlotte his home. He arranged the selection he is playing today specifically for our congregation...thank you, Aaron!

Staff Love Gift – Would you consider a “Love Offering” to our staff? You can give online “Staff Love Gift” or by mailing to the church office. P. O. Box 7058, Spartanburg, SC 29304. Deadline is **Sunday, December 20.**

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25. If you have an emergency, please contact, Lee Anne Bailie - 864-415-1480 or Angie Quinn - 864-978-7404.

Our Senior Pastor, Matt Johnson, will be on vacation from Friday, December 25, until January 2, 2021. Please contact, Lee Anne Bailie at 864-415-1480 or Angie Quinn at 864-978-7404.

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