

December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “The First Noel/Good King Wenceslas” Arr. Virginia C. Thomas
Announcements
Choral Introit

*Call to Worship – John 1:1, 2, 4, 14

Minister: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

Congregation: and the Word was God.

Minister: He was in the beginning with God.

Congregation: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Minister: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

Congregation: and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #208

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Luke 1:26-38 p.855 in Pew Bible

Confession of Sin (Unison)

O God, You are very great, great in power and in holiness.

We acknowledge that we are sinners. We have sinned against You and done what is evil in Your sight. We are unworthy, but You welcome sinners. We are guilty, but You are merciful. You have shown boundless compassion toward us by not sparing Your Son and by freely giving us all things in Him.

This is the foundation of our hope, that You forgive those who are convicted of their sin, who despair of self but turn to You.

Happy are they who are Christ's, justified from all things, delivered from coming wrath, and made heirs of glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Unison) 1 Timothy 1:16, 17

“But for that very reason I was shown mercy, so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Morning Prayer Ruling Elder Craig Lukowiak

*Hymn - “Angels We Have Heard on High” #214

*Confession of Faith – Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter VIII,
Of Christ the Mediator, Paragraph III p.853 in Trinity Hymnal

*Doxology #731

Offering

Offertory Music

Alex Pinegar
(Children 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed to Children's Church)

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 42:1-9 p.602 in Pew Bible
Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“AS A COVENANT FOR THE PEOPLE”

*Hymn – “Once in Royal David's City” #225

*Benediction

*Postlude – “God Rest Ye” English Carol

The Rev. Mr. David G. McKay, Minister
The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Minister
Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director