

McCORMICK METHODIST CHURCH

December 22, 2024

10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude for the Worship Hour

Peggy Thomas

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Nativity

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Response

“Candle light, Sacred Light” vs. 1, 4

-Still Nacht

A Litany and Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lay Reader

One: Come, open your hearts.

All: Light the candles,

One: Sing the carols,

All: Rest in the prayers.

One: Come, open your lives

All: To the Light of the World,

One: To the songs of blessing,

All: To the prayers of healing.

One: Watch, listen, feel.

All: God is coming.

One: God is here.

All: Rejoice! And Sing!

One: We pray together.

All: Holy God, the One to whom all doxology rightfully belongs, we are humbled that the God of the universe, the King of heaven, the Ruler of all, took on our humanity, became one of us and moved into the neighborhood. You set aside your regal standing and eternal honor for us and for our salvation. In seeing you in the flesh, we have seen God. We have been healed by your touch, comforted by your compassion, convicted by your teaching, changed by your grace. You have restored us to our Creator and called us, in turn, to work for the restoration of the whole creation. Thank you for the sacrifice you made, willingly, yet at great cost. We offer our lives as doxology, given in praise and service to you and your coming kingdom. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” vs. 1,4

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Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks Be to God**

A Meditation

"To You, I Am"

Rev. Ledwell

A Simple Christmas

Soloist

Reader

A Simple Christmas. Kim Jackson

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen. Patsy Wilson

Play for Me, Shepherd. Carol Tummons

O Little Town of Bethlehem. Carol Tummons. Gordon Waine

What Child Is This? Bob Rennie

Bright New Star Patsy Wilson Don Smith

Angels From the Realm, s of Glory. Donna Hutto

A Simple Christmas (Reprise) Dan Tutt

Tithes and Offerings

***Sending Forth**

May the stars be extra bright, May the song of the angels be clear, May the love of God hold you today, and May God bring joy to you and all who are near. Go in hope. Go in peace. **Amen.**

***Postlude**

*Please stand if able

