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UNION UNIVERSITY CHURCH

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*“Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”
Hamilton Wright Mabie*

PRELUDE

“Good Christian Folk, Rejoice”

arr Lani Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Leader: We have lit three candles—for hope, for peace, and for joy. Today we light the fourth candle—the candle of love.

People: There is no greater power than love.

Leader: It is stronger than rulers and empires,

People: stronger than grief or despair,

Leader: stronger even than death.

People: We know the strength of such love, because God first loved us.

Leader: As we light the advent candles, we pray that Christ’s coming may light our lives and fill us with God’s spirit.

People: May we know the creative power of hope.

Leader: May we practice the peace that comes from justice.

People: May we be filled with such joy that we must share it with others.

Leader: May God’s love transform us and be magnified within our lives,

People: That we may follow in the way of Christ who comes to dwell among us.

The Advent Candles are lit

*** HYMN #213**

“Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Opening Scripture

Matthew 2:1-3, 11-12

Dexter Time (Rev. DeMott & her dog, Dexter discuss the opening scripture)

Children’s Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (*using debts-debtors*)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Child Is This?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

John 1:1-5, 14

Leader: In the beginning there was the Word; the Word was in God's presence,

People: and the Word was God.

Leader: The Word was present to God from the beginning. Through the Word all things came into being, and apart from the Word

People: nothing came into being that has come into being.

Leader: In the Word was life, and that life was humanity's light — a Light that shines in the darkness,

People: a Light that the darkness has never overtaken.

Leader: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; we saw the Word's glory—

People: the favor and position a parent gives an only child—

Leader: filled with grace,

People: filled with truth.

TIME OF OFFERING OURSELVES IN COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

arr John Innes

DOXOLOGY & BLESSING

* HYMN #247

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

SCRIPTURE READING

I John 4:7-12

SERMON

* HYMN #230

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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Leader: Soli deo gloria

People: Soli deo gloria

Leader: To God alone all glory be

People: To God alone all glory be

All: Amen, amen, amen.

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

All are invited to our Fusion Christmas Party following worship today.

Serving Today

Lay Leader.....Lana Meissner
Altar arrangement.....Lana Meissner
Piano.....Peter O'Connor
Organ.....Laurel Buckwalter
Zoom Co-host.....John Buckwalter



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

December 24, 2021 at 5:00pm