

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading

Introit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: We are ready, O Lord, to behold the presence of your Spirit.

ALL: We have gathered here to hear the good news and to receive your blessings with openness and joy!

ONE: Be at peace with one another.

ALL: Let this season be a time when love and wisdom prevail.

ONE: Open your hearts and souls to God’s healing word.

ALL: Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love and joy. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 122

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

With our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, with our whole strength and fortitude, with our whole understanding, with all our powers, with every effort, every affection, every feeling, every desire, and wish, let us love the Lord God. Who has given and gives to each one of us our whole body, our whole soul, and our whole life, Who has created, redeemed and will save us by His mercy alone, Who did and does everything good for us. (From Advent and Christmas Wisdom. St. Francis of Assisi)

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

New Testament Lesson

Psalm 30:1-5 (NLT)

Romans 8:28-30 (NLT)

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Sermon

“A Season of Merry”

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

“I Heard the Bells”

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

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.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

“Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 114

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us;

His name is called Emmanuel.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.