December 18, 2022

Advent 4A

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Candle of Peace

Lighting by Annie and Joe Beauchemin.

PRELUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come" J S Bach

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON PSALM 80: 1-7

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like

a flock!

People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine

Forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be

saved.

People: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with

your people's prayers?

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given

them tears to drink in full measure.

People: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies

laugh among themselves.

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we

may be saved.

OPENING HYMN: "Comfort, Comfort, O My People" **No. 155**

*Unison Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (debts)

Lord, we are on journeys with you, but can't see where we're going. We are so used to controlling all aspects of ourselves that we forget to trust, even as your Son taught us that all things are of you, from you and returned to you when we pray,....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

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 734

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ: And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

READING OF THE WORD Isaiah 7:10-16 and Matt1:18-25

SERMON God With Us

MEDITATION HYMN: "Savior of the Nations Come" **No. 168**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Hayes

French Carol

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*Doxology No. 34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN: "Prepare the Way O Zion" No. 152

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Paul Manz

*Please stand if you are able.





The liturgist is Barbara Stone. Our greeters/ushers are Barbara and John Fletcher. Guest pianist/organist is Barb Flocco.

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GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WELCOME ALL
AND TO SERVE GOD, EACH OTHER, THIS COMMUNITY,
AND THE WORLD
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.

❖ ALL ARE WELCOME! ❖