\*Those who are able, please stand.

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The **Liturgist** for today is Louise Sgarro. The **Chancel Flowers** are given by Louise Sgarro, in memory of her father, Michael.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carolkay Barré; Hope Saladino; Ellie Catalano; Ruth Sukala; Mary Ellen Beck; those in need of comfort or healing; those mourning the loss of loved ones; those who are the caretakers of others; those who are lonely; for peace and justice in our homes, communities and the world; our neighbors; those in need of resources; those seeking safe refuge; and for us, may we be moved to act with compassion and service.

## Today, after worship:

- Coffee Hour & Fellowship
- Advent Bible Study & Lunch (Memorial Room)

Tuesday 5:00pm - Candlelight Lessons & Carols Worship Service.

Please plan to join us on Christmas Eve for a traditional worship of Christmas lessons and Christmas carols. All ages are welcome, as are guests!

Wednesday - Merry Christmas!

Thursday - Office closed/No choir rehearsals - enjoy your day and evening!

**From the Treasurer:** Thank you for your time, talent and work on behalf of CPC. If needed, please bring your pledges up to date by mail or via collection plate by Dec. 31 to be considered for 2024. Thank you for your attention and support!

**Pledge envelopes** for 2025 are in the narthex! Please find the box with your last name on it. Should yours be missing or in need of correction, please contact Diann in the office (908)232-9490.

**Poinsettias:** - *Thank you* to all who chose to enhance and beautify the chancel with poinsettias for our holiday services! Marjory & Nick Bradshaw, the Boyce Family, the Burdge Family, Connie Fayen, David Fogle, the Haggerty Family, the Hoydich Family, Sung-Hae Jung, Sara & Greg Meissner, the Saksena Family, Teri Schrul, Louise Sgarro, Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Thomas, and the Ulerich Family.

Reminder - you may take yours home after Tuesday's Christmas Eve worship service. Any remaining poinsettias will be donated to bring cheer to others!



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December 22, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day

10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** 

'Twas the Moon of Wintertime (Huron carol) Trad'1/J.M.Martin

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT (89) For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits

M.Haugen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALLTO WORSHIP (responsively)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing God's praise.

Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

\*OPENING HYMN #121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

L.H.Redner

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ; you constantly open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the your Spirit be born anew within us, that our hearts be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE(92) While We are Waiting, Come

D.Cason

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN #646 Sing Out, My Soul (sing twice)

Taizé/J.Berthier

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. As we make our final preparations before Christmas, clear our minds of holiday distractions and long list of to-dos. Help us approach your Word with awe and wonder, so we may hear the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

ANTHEM Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French melody/G.Holst

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Marcus C. Lambright

SERMON "Similar Experience"

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\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #312 Take Us As We Are, O God

A.V.Fedak

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM In the Bleak Midwinter

M.E.Caldwell

Kristy Boyce, Soloist

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

R.Edwards

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE (752) Dona Nobis Pacem

Anon/E.T.Meyers

POSTLUDE Coventry Carol

J.MMartin