

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Gathering Music Worship Team

Welcome and Congregational Life

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

*Invitation to Worship

One: From the flurry of holiday busyness,

All: We come longing for peace,

One: Yearning for lasting joy,

All: Hoping to find our rest in God.

One: From full calendars and hectic schedules,

All: We come to sing the songs of Advent hope.

One: From the worry of our days, All: We come to be set free,

One: From the reality of conflicts and wars,

All: We come to follow the Prince of Peace.

the joy of every longing heart.

*Song of Praise

Joy to the World

George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Brenton Brown | Brian Doerksen

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Penrod Family

One: Let us pray together:

All: Dear God, we pray for the love that is in Christ to come into our lives in a new way.

As we are filled with your love may we live in love, seeing others with your eyes, extending grace with your care. We ask in the name of Jesus who offers us love.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Stephanie Pate

We Three Kings
John Henry Hopkins Jr.

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading John 3:16-17

Sermon

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

Let LOVE Break Through

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, who is Creator,

maker of all we see and all we don't see.

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We worship you fully!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,

God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.

He is one with the Creator; Prince of Peace,

the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We focus our lives on you!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,

Breath of God moving among us:

Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;

our Hope and our Strength: Comforter of all creation!

We open our hearts to your power and your peace!

Offering

*Song Noel

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | Matt Redman

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song Prepare the Way

Jared Anderson

*Benediction

Serving in Worship Today

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanson Time with Young Disciples, Stephanie Pate Worship Team Tech Team

Joy to the World / Hallelujah

Joy to the world, the Lord has come Let earth receive her King Let every heart prepare Him room And heaven and nature sing And heaven and nature sing And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love And wonders of His love And wonders, wonders of His love

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Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet Your love is a mystery how you gently lift me When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Your love makes me sing Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Your love makes me sing Your love makes me sing

Joy to the World George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts Public Domain

Hallelujah CCLI Song # 3091812 Brenton Brown | Brian Doerkson

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star
O-oh star of wonder, star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain Gold I bring to crown Him again King forever ceasing never Over us all to reign O-oh star of wonder, star of light Star with royal beauty bright Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

Frankincense to offer have I Incense owns a Deity nigh Prayer and praising gladly raising Worshipping God most high O-oh star of wonder, star of light Star with royal beauty bright Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light

Glorious now, behold Him arise
King and God and sacrifice
Alleluia, Alleluia
Sounds through the earth and skies
O-oh star of wonder, star of light
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light
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Noel

Love incarnate love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Noel Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel Noel
The story of amazing love
The light of the world given to us
Noel

Son of God and Son of man There before the world began Born to suffer born to save Born to raise us from the grave Christ the everlasting Lord He shall reign forevermore

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Prepare the Way

Prepare the way
Make straight the path for Him
Let the King of Glory enter in
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Who is this King of Glory

The Lord strong and mighty
The Lord mighty to save
The earth is full of His glory
Creation calls prepare the way
His love endureth forever
His power is without an end
His strength is victory's treasure
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