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**Worship Notes:**

**Worship Assistant:** John Danzeisen

**Worship Consort:** Sandra Borrer, Marilee Calabrese, Phil Calabrese, Martha Marsey

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We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please sign the Friendship Register, pass it down your row and return it to the center aisle so that you and your “pew neighbors” can greet each other by name.

If you are visiting, please provide complete information so that we may acknowledge your presence with us. You may use the pew cards for comments or prayer requests and place them in the offering plate.

**After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for refreshments and conversation!**





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December 22, 2019

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Pre-Service Meditation*

**Scripture:** Matthew 1:18-22

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet.

**Personal Prayer**

**God of hope,  
who brought love into the world, be the love that dwells between us. God of hope,  
who brought peace into the world, be the peace that dwells between us. God of  
hope, who brought joy into the world, be the joy that dwells within us. God of  
hope, the rock that we stand upon, be the center, the focus of our lives always and  
particularly this Advent season.  
Amen.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019

10:00 AM

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

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### WE APPROACH GOD

Gathering Music

Worship Consort

Welcome and News of Our Life Together

Call to Worship

Sharing the Peace of Christ (“May the peace of Christ be with you...”)

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*We light the candle of Peace*)

Hymn #95

Prepare the Way of the Lord

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Capo 1: (D) (G) (D)  
E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> (chords continue)

Pre-prepare the way of the Lord: Pre-prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Prepare the Way of the Lord'. It features two staves of music in a 6/8 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff includes chord markings: Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup>, (G) A<sup>b</sup>, and (D) E<sup>b</sup>, followed by '(chords continue)'. The lyrics are written below the notes: 'Pre-prepare the way of the Lord: Pre-prepare the way of the Lord, and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.'

Litany

The Kennedy Family

Songs of Praise

Hymn #139

“That Boy-Child of Mary”

Blantyre

Yellow Book #9

“Open Our Eyes”

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## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 12:2-6 Luke 1:46-55	O.T., p. 601 N. T., p. 49
Anthem	"How Far is it to Bethlehem?"	Trad. English
The Word Proclaimed	"A Night for Dancing"	Hal Hopson
<i>At the end of the performance, the congregation is invited to join in the singing, using the music printed on the insert.</i>		

Parable Time

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Hymn No. 136	"Go, Tell it on the Mountain"	Hymn #136
The Prayers of the People and the LORD'S Prayer (" <i>...and forgive us our sins...</i> ")		
Ritual of Friendship		
The Giving of Tithes and Offerings		
Prayer of Dedication		
Offertory Anthem	"Gloria, from 'Gloria'"	Vivaldi
<i>Glory be to God in the highest!</i>		

## WE BEAR GOD'S WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn No. 92	"While We Are Waiting, Come"	<i>Waiting (Cason)</i>
* Charge and Benediction		
* Song of Sending	"In the Bleak Mid-Winter"	Cranham
<i>What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.</i>		

