



Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
Welcomes you on this Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020 10:30 AM

PRELUDE Margaret Hubenthal

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Rejoice in God's Presence

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH—SEE ADVENT WREATH LITURGY -fourth Sunday of Advent

Fourth Sunday: Love Living Among Us

R: Greater love hath no man than this,

P: that a man lay down his life us.

R: Jesus, who came to dwell among us

P: demonstrated God's great love for us.

R: God of Love, continue to take on flesh and be made real in our families, in our communities and in the world. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

P: My soul shall be joyful in my God;

L: For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

P: He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

L: As the garden causes what is sown to spring forth,

P: So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth.

Song: Tom Blackford

THE CHURCH CONFESSES

Now is the time to awake from sleep. Salvation is near!

Let us therefore confess our sins to receive God's grace.

Prayer of Confession:

In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance.

We have broken your commandments.

We do not live in peace with your creation or your people.

We do not trust your Word.

Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise,

for the sake of the One who proclaims Good News,

your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

Gloria Patri Margaret Hubenthal

We Receive God's Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION / SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament: II Samuel 7:1-11

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE: "How Can This Be?"

Song: Tom Blackford

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Song: Tom Blackford

BENEDICTION

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