

DECEMBER 24, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 am

Please respond with words in **bold** print.

*Please stand if comfortably able

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE:

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO
WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: **"Away in a Manger Medley" Fred Bock**

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*OPENING HYMN: **#144 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

The Carpenter's Tree
by Nancy Eisenhauer

Carpenter: Lew Thomasino

Reading 1 from Isaiah 9: The Brink Family
"O Little Town of Bethlehem", NCH #133
(Children come forward to help string lights during carol.)

Reading 2 from Isaiah 40: The Miller Family
"There's a Voice in the Wilderness", NCH #120, vs. 1, 2
(Children help string garland.)

Reading 3 from Matthew 1: The Brown Family
"Gentle Joseph, Joseph Dear", NCH #105, vs. 1,2
(Those with trumpets come forward and hang them on the
"tree".)

Reading 4 from Luke 2: Sunday School Teachers
"Jesus, Our Brother, Strong and Good", NCH #138
vs. 1, 2, 3, 6
(Those with animals come forward.)

Reading 5 from Luke 2: The Thomasino Family
"Angels We Have Heard on High", NCH #125, vs. 1-3
(Those with halos and candy canes come forward.)

Reading 6 from Matthew 2: The Underwood and Ganschinetz
Families
"What Child is This?", NCH #148, vs. 1,3
(Those with crowns come forward.)

Reading 7 from Isaiah 40: Congregation

Here is the Lord God, coming in strength,
with a triumphant arm, bringing his reward with him
and his payment before him.
Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock; he will gather
lambs in his arms and lift them onto his lap.
He will gently guide the nursing ewes.

Reading 8 from Luke 24: Gemma Thomasino and Madison
Brown

"Go Tell it On the Mountain", NCH #154, vs. 1,2

PASTORAL PRAYER:

Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your 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.

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: CHOIR **"Of the Father's Love"** Barry Talley

*DOXOLOGY: **# 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

*SENDING HYMN: **NCH #132 "Joy to the World!"**
First verse only

DURING THE HYMN THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND
CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

THE BELLS RING AS WE GO OUT, TO SPREAD THE
GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

*POSTLUDE: **"The Joy of Christmas"** Lani Smith