THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 22nd, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent
11:00 am
***Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

GATHERING

Ringing of the Bell

Chiming of the Hour The Bells of Bethel

Welcome & Announcements Derek Almarode

(If you are a visitor please take a moment and fill out one of the visitor cards located in your pew rack & drop it in the offering plate later on during the worship service. Welcome to Bethel!)

Prelude *"Wassail, Wassail"*
Arranged by Sandra Eithun
The Bells of Bethel

WE APPROACH GOD

****Call to Worship** Derek Almarode

Leader: O God of Elizabeth and Mary,

People: ***you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption***

Leader: in the coming of the Savior.

People: ***Make our hearts leap with joy,***

Leader: and fill our mouths with songs of praise,

People: ***that we may announce glad tidings of peace,***

ALL: ***and welcome the Christ in our midst.***

****Hymn of Adoration 360** *"Christ Is Coming!"*

****Prayer of Adoration**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession *excerpted from Feasting on the Word**

Father God, we ask for your mercy. Though we know the story of Mary's humble life, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

****Celebration of God's Grace 110** *"Love Has Come" (verse 1)*

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Lighting of the Advent Candles
*"Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, & **Love**"*
Wade & Phyllis Cash

Congregational Response *(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*

A Can-dle is burn-ing, a candle of Love,
A Can-dle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
For Jesus is bringing God's Love to our Earth

Advent Prayer

Anthem *"The Gift of Love"*
Bethel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 149:1-6; Isaiah 7:10-16

New Testament Reading: Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

Message *"Still Waiting . . . Again"*
Jill Webb

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn of Reflection 300** *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

****Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed (page 35)*

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Derek Almarode

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to Share

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

****Doxology 606**

****Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending 134** *"Joy to the World"*

****Charge & Benediction**

**** Postlude**

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Serving During Worship - December 22nd

Worship Leader: Derek Almarode

Greeters: D.W. & Beth Miller

Offering: Wade Cash, Charlie Johnson, D.W. Miller, Dale Thompson

December Elder-on-Call: Dan Gano

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Tabby Moore	*Pat Quick*	**Dan Gano*
Bob Olson	*Kathy Swisher*	*Dave Schooley*
Mac Williams		*Tim Turner*

**Serving a one year term*

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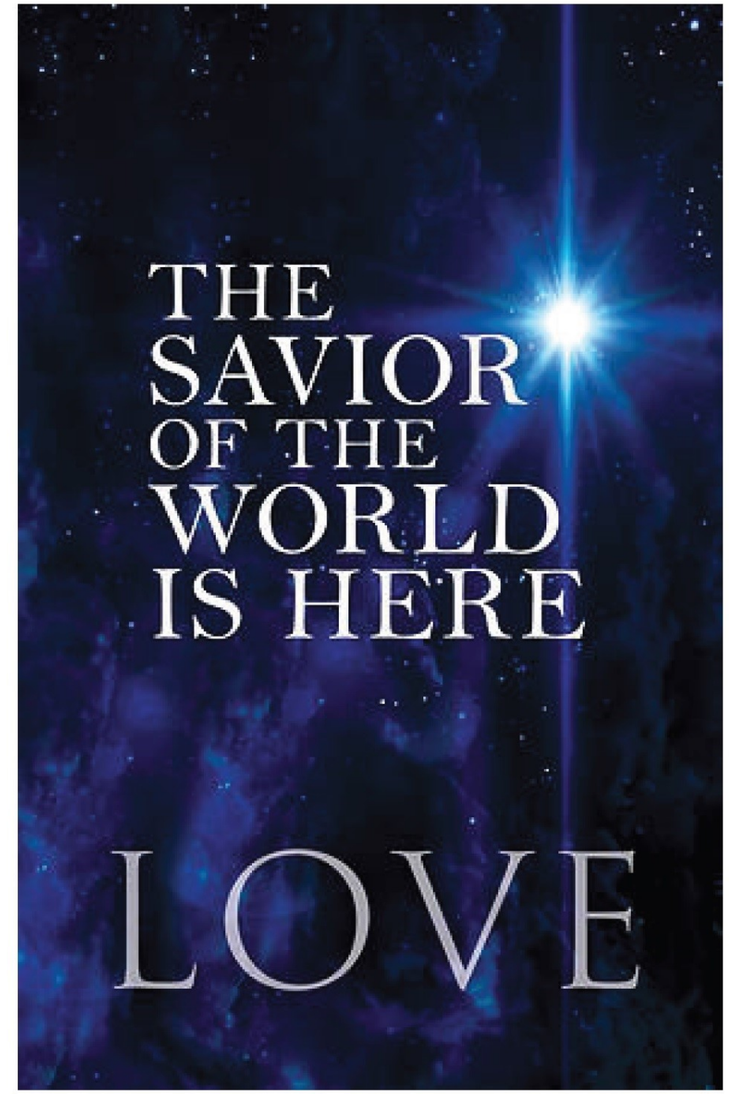

4th Sunday in Advent

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