

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

Go Out as God’s People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HB #7:** “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

✠ **BENEDICTION:** by Pastor Janet

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Tracy (Yu) Qian

Following today’s service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.



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Happy 4th week of Advent!



Today’s Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: Ken & Joyce Mathews

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

December 19, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please seek assistance.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the **video recording**, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Leslie Crawford, ruling elder over Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

CALL TO WORSHIP

with **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE:**

The Advent season concludes by lighting the candles of hope, peace, joy & love. "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

Isaiah 54:10

† stand as able

† **Opening Hymn HoF #56:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison):

Although Joseph was faithful to the law, in Mary's condition he did not keep in mind the promises made to the prophets of the Messiah coming from the house of David, his very own family line.

Forgive us when we, too, forget your promises, losing hope and focusing instead on the difficulties of current circumstances.

(Pause in silent confession.)

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (responsively)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (unison) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (unison)
"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (unison)

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25 N.T. pg. 1374

SERMON Takeaway: "The Name of Jesus"
by the Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HB #162:** "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy 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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (along with tithing, consider mission giving to The Look Up Center to help those impoverished in the area.)

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (unison)

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

† **DOXOLOGY:** (unison) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.