

✠ **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.

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** (*unison*) "The Nicene Creed"
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the

Go Out as God's People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn HB #7:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

✠ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*):

To walk in the light of God;

making JESUS known is FIRST at First!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Dismissal of after worship Sunday school youth, teachers, & assistants.

✠ **POSTLUDE** by Meghan Lance

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



If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming and hope you return soon.

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The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford at 412-877-9310

Happy 4th week of Advent!



Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist: Brent Miller and Meghan Lance

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: Robert, Melissa, & Emily Holland

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

December 18, 2022 – 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE "O Come All Ye Faithful" youth on handbells

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

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

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison):

(Pause in silent confession.)

Though Lord your love and peace are unshaken, our human love and circumstantial peace fail. Further, we live without of hope and joy settled in our hearts and minds. Forgive our shortcoming. Forgive our sin, for not trusting in and leaning on you. Amen.

† **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 has 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**

SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1-5 N.T. pg. 1579-80

SERMON Takeaway: "New Heaven and New Earth"

by the Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (responsively)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

WORDS of INSTITUTION & PARTAKING ELEMENTS

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Response to God's Word

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

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY "Do You Hear What I Hear?" youth on handbells

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**