



Announcements

Prelude

Pauline Buller

Welcome

Tonya Ramer Wenger

Call to Worship & Lighting of the Advent Candles

L: In difficult times we struggle to see the way before us...

ALL: OUR EYES ADJUST, BUT STILL EVERYTHING IS SHADOWED AND GREY.

L: We reach out, desperate
for comfort
for balance
for the familiar
for hope.

L: In difficult times,
even a faltering light can be just enough:
the flame flickers, twinkles, dances – and it is dazzling!

ALL: FOR IN ITS LIGHT, WE SEE LIGHT: GOD IN OUR MIDST.

Light Fourth Advent Candle

L: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

ALL: WE WILL PROCLAIM YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO ALL GENERATIONS.

L: We declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

ALL: YOUR FAITHFULNESS IS AS FIRM AS THE HEAVENS.

HYMN: HWB 195 *It came upon a midnight clear (verses 1, 2, 4)*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Wichita Guitar Ensemble)

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15; 17-19 God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head. Alex Miller

O Come O Come Emmanuel (Wichita Guitar Ensemble)

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18 God promises to Abraham that because of his faithfulness, all nations of the earth will be blessed. Tyler Gehring

Behold that Star (Sadie Nisly)

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 The prophet proclaims the coming of the Savior. Jasper Nisly

HYMN: HWB 191 O little town of Bethlehem

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9 The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown. Magdalena Wenger

What Child is this? (Micah and Tonya Wenger)

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-33; 38 The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary. Adam Schrag

Lo How A Rose e'er Blooming (Wichita Guitar Ensemble)

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus. Michaela Esau

Joy to the World and O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (Jeff Kauffman)

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16 The shepherds go to the manger. Trae Gehring

Angels We Have Heard on High (Wichita Guitar Ensemble)

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12 The wise men are led by the star to Jesus. Jeff Kauffman

The First Noel (Duncan Krehbiel)

Sing We Now of Christmas (Bailey Krehbiel)

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14 St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation. Laura Miller

Good Christian Friends Rejoice (Wichita Guitar Ensemble)

Prayer & Sending Tonya Ramer Wenger

HYMN: HWB 189 To us a child of hope is born

Postlude Pauline Buller

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