



ADVENT 1 December 1, 2024

BEGINNING WITH LOVE

Prelude

Greetings & Announcements

Call to Worship*

God says,

“Do not be afraid.”

God says,

“I have called you by name.”

God says,

“I will be with you.”

God says,

“You are precious and honored in my sight.”

At the beginning of this season,

at the start of this week,

at the top of this hour,

may we wrap ourselves in these words.

May we begin again.

Let us worship our Holy God!

HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* VT 203

Fellowship Greeting

(stand to share the peace of Christ with those around you)

HEAR GOOD NEWS OF GOD WITH US

HYMN *The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed* VT 221

Candle lighting Liturgy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Affirming God,

Your first words to creation were words of love.

You looked at this earth and said, "It is good."

You spoke affirmations through the prophets.

You spoke blessings over Mary.

You spoke belonging through Christ.

*At every turn, you have reiterated that we are a blessing,
made in your image, held in your love.*

Forgive us for forgetting this truth.

*Forgive us for measuring our worth by society's measuring stick instead of
yours.*

We believe.

Help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

God says,

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name.

You are mine."

We are forgiven. We are loved. Let it leave you awestruck.

Thanks be to God! May we believe it. Amen.

HYMN *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* VT 212

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 1:26-38*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

PRAYERS & A POEM

Prayers of the People (*with the Lord's Prayer*)

Poem: *Joy and Celebration*

SENT TO BEGIN AGAIN

HYMN *Hark! the Glad Sound!* VT 217

Benediction

Postlude

A devotional booklet and advent calendar are available in the foyer to accompany and support your Advent Journey this year!!

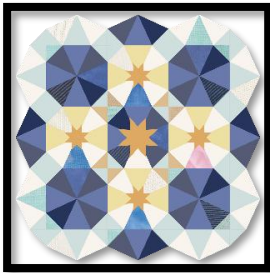
Words for Worship (Call to Worship, Confession, Prayers, Poem) by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.”

**Call to Worship: Inspired by Isaiah 43:1-4 and Luke 1:26-29*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.



Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring
Nursery: Diane Ziemer
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Advent Candle Reading/Lighting: TBA
Song Leader: Shane Miller
Scripture Readers: Hilda Iwashige, Lucia Iwashige
Children's Time: Bonnie Swenson
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in Common Grounds Room
- **Sunday School @ 11:00am** for all ages

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Choir rehearsals on December 4:** Adult choir 5:30pm; Children's choir TBA.
- **Dec 8:** Mentor & Mentees group leading worship at Mennonite Friendship Communities at 10:00am.
- **Dec 8:** FMC Annual Meeting, following Sr. Youth Fundraiser Meal (Bring your contributions for the Silent Auction this week or by 9am Sunday morning! Consider items for all ages including children!). Be sure to sign up for a number for bidding – this is new!
- **Dec 15:** Lessons & Carols worship service with Adult & Children's Choirs
- **Dec 21: 6pm** Longest Night Service; **6:45pm** Soup Meal; **7:30pm** Christmas Caroling (*bring finger foods to share after caroling*)

REJOICE! and **Upper Room** devotional books are available above the mailboxes. You are invited to take one to give focus to your personal/family devotional times. **Advent Devotionals** and an **Advent Calendar** are on the table in the foyer.

CHRISTMAS GIVING connections

- Infant Care Bundles for MCC - \$25 per bundle covers cost
- Hats & Mittens Tree for Salvation Army
- Give Joy Christmas Drive for You thrive – collecting gifts for young adults who have aged out of foster care. Suggested gifts and wrapping details on the table in the foyer.

Deadline is Dec 15.



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