

Worship – The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Reflecting the Sacred: Sacred Knowing
Sunday, December 21, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting our Advent Wreath

As we light our candle of Peace, we pray for Peace this day.

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We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

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We open to see our deepest selves as a gift of holy presence.

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Response to the light:

Upon this moment, upon this people, upon this place, the holy comes.

And sacred knowing brings sacred being for sacred doing of God's plan.

Opening Prayer:

Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Peace, we give you thanks for this holy sensing of your presence. As we take in the peace you offer, may we be a reflection of your light, expanding the sacred knowing of "you are here for me" into the sacred knowing of "you are present for all of us." Amen.

Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

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Passing of the Peace:

Invitation to prayer song: *Emmanuel*

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Prayer of the People:

(Response) *Come, Lord Jesus, Hear our prayer*

Song of Praise: *Glory (Let There Be Peace)*

Matt Maher

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 NRSVue

(reader) *The Word of the Lord!*

(All) Thanks be to God!

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Message: *Reflecting the Sacred: Sacred Knowing*

Hymn: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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Invitation to Offering

Offertory:

Doxology – [tune of What Child is This]

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God all heavens and the earth,

Reflecting the sacred story.

This, this is Christ the One who mirrors hope for all of us.

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the Word of time eternal.

Offertory Prayer

Opportunities Coming Soon!

Blessing:

Closing Song: *An Irish Christmas Blessing*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Postlude

***Please join us for Coffee Fellowship
after the service!***

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