

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Northside Presbyterian Church – December 19, 2021

PRELUDE - Pat Fullen

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE – Frimpong Family

Our Advent journey is almost complete, and the Christ child will soon be here. The promised one of God shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord . . . and he shall be the one of peace.

The first candle reminds us of God's promise of a Savior.

The second candle reminds us that we must prepare our hearts and minds.

The third candle reminds us to proclaim with joy God's salvation in Christ.

As we light the fourth candle, we are reminded of the peace that only Christ can give.

God's peace is meant for the whole of creation; together, we anticipate the day of his coming.

Let us pray. God our Savior, you alone are the Prince of Peace, who shall rule with justice and love. As we seek to be bearers of your peace in the world, may we find our security in your grace—and may we be sources of peace and safety to others. Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL – Northside Chimes Choir
(Handchimes Choir rings 1 verse, then congregation sings)

**Candles glowing, promise showing love that makes the world anew.
Shines in glory, tells the story: Christ's own love will see us through.
With the outcast and unwelcome, Christ is steadfast, brings us all home.
Christ's own love will see us through! Christ's own love will see us through.**

TAPESTRY OF LIGHT: *A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION*

By Joseph M. Martin

Narrators: Kay and Joe Hunnings

THE LIGHT OF CREATION – Genesis 1:1-3
Carols of Hope and Light

THE LIGHT OF PREPARATION – Isaiah 40:3-5; Isaiah 42:6
Longing for the Light

THE LIGHT OF ANTICIPATION – Isaiah 35:1-2
An Advent Garden

THE LIGHT OF THE ANNUNCIATION – Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-33

The Holy Child of Mary

THE LIGHT OF INCARNATION – Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:1-7

O Wondrous Night

THE LIGHT OF DECLARATION – Luke 2:8-14

A Celtic Noel

THE LIGHT OF REVELATION – Isaiah 60:1-3; Matthew 2:1-2

Carols of the Quest

THE LIGHT OF PROCLAMATION – Matthew 5:14-16

A Celtic Gloria!

THE LIGHT OF CONSECRATION – John 8:12

Bethlehem Light

THE LIGHT OF CELEBRATION – John 1:1-4

Carols of Celebration

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (110, v. 1)

**Love has come; a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises!
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior. Love! Love! Glory to God on high!**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Drew Taylor & family

Brooke Stephenson

Edd Stoops

Susan Dickerson

Andy & Jean Robeson

Ron Pearson

Randall Wentworth

Susan Miller

Wanda Price

Frances Hutcheson/Dowdy

Dennis Sweeney

Jeff Kallas (Bronwyn Robinson's husband)

Jerry Robinson

Tammy McClintock

Larry Loughborough

Gavin Adams

Louise Bloss

David Meincke

Betty Simpkins

Harvey Sowers

Philip Tompkins

Lindsay Salany

Jerry Robinson

Pat Robinson

Mary Heath & family

All those suffering with Covid or grieving the loss of a loved one

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen (varies)

Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper, Alex Chaney