



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
4th Sunday in Advent
December 20, 2020
At Home Worship

Worship note: This week is our Annual Youth and Children's Pageant
The full worship is on the church's website. If you go to
www.wpceugene.org you can find it under the Worship Menu under
Sermons. It will not be available until Saturday afternoon. The link was
also sent via email. In case you do not have access to the internet, here is
some liturgy from the service you can use at home.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Each week, as we have lit the candles on our Advent wreath, we have been reminded that the Light of the World, our Lord Jesus Christ is coming.

(Light 4 Candles)

We light the first candle, the candle of hope, to remind us of prophets who give us visions of hope. The second candle, the candle of peace, helps us remember that God is always with us. The third candle is the candle of joy. It reminds us of the angels' joy as they announced the news of Jesus' birth to the shepherds.

Today we light the fourth candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another. For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our sadness into praise. We love because God first loved us.

Prayer:

O God, we thank you for all of those people that have been set in our lives to show us your love. May we in turn share your love with others. As we journey through Advent, prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in your light as we seek hope, peace, joy and love. Come Lord, Jesus come. Amen.

Call to Worship from Luke chapter 1

My soul magnifies the Lord.

My Spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For the Mighty One has done great things.

Holy is God's name.

Today we seek hope, peace, love, and joy as we remember God's promises to us.

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins to the One whose mercy endures from generation to generation.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out that ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God pours out love on all of us and forgives us all of our sins. Thanks be to God!

Scripture Readings as part of the Pageant:

John 1:1-5

Luke 2:1-16

Isaiah 9:6

Luke 1:26-33

Matthew 2: 1-11