

Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
This, this is Christ the King, who  
shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
the babe the son of Mary.

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER - James Chepponis  
"Come, Come Emmanuel"

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Este's Psalms  
"Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

\*(9:00 ONLY) THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(please greet those sitting around you, especially  
taking time to welcome those who are visiting)

\*POSTLUDE

**You Are Invited**  
for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall  
(downstairs) after the Worship Service

**DECEMBER 23, 2018**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP**

(Where you see an asterisk (\*), please stand if you are able)

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Shepherd Carols" -Various Arrangers

WORDS OF WELCOME Michael Ozaki

INTROIT

**Faces at the Manger**

Ned Wetherald, 2018

Fa-ces at the man-ger 'round the Je-sus Child Each a diff-erent walk of life,

each a diff-erent smile Fa-ces at the man - ger, fa-ces much like

ours, young and old and meek and bold, greet the Christ Child.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

John, Amanda, Alexander and Ethan Maitland

\*HYMN No. 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(vs. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Deannine Shipman

**O God, we are drawn to mystery but we ignore your obvious truths. We are attracted to what is high and holy, but we are ill-prepared to acknowledge your presence among the lowly and poor. We are anxious to know what tomorrow holds, but we are slow to spot the realities of today. Turn us, incarnate God, and open our eyes and hearts to the simple wonders of your love. Bring us to a rebirth of faith, hope and joy in Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*(11:15 ONLY) THE PEACE

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#### HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(9:00) Jane Steff  
(11:15) Carolyn Bryant

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

-Randall Thompson

“Glory to God in the Highest”  
The Chancel Choir

(9:00) ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

See “Children in Worship”

Deannine Shipman

SONG AFTER CHILDREN’S TIME

Hymn No. 114

“Away in the Manger” (Stanza 3)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 2:8-20

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SERMON

“They Keep Watch”

Dean Lindsey

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN No. 136

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUS, 1977)  
Allison Maus

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman  
as is every child,  
yet born of God’s power  
as was no other child.**

**The coming of Jesus was itself  
the coming of God’s promised rule.  
Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,  
he brings about the relationship between God and  
humanity that God always intended.**

**We recognize the work of God in Jesus’ power  
and authority.  
He did what only God can do.  
We also recognize the work of God in Jesus’ lowliness.  
As he was born to poor parents and laid in a manger,  
as he lived the life of a servant, and as he went  
humbly to his death,  
The greatness that belongs only to God was  
manifest.  
In both his majesty and lowliness  
Jesus is the eternal Son of God,  
God himself with us.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Arr by Wagner

“Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow”

\*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
To the tune “Greensleeves”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**