Praise

***Call to Worship** – *adapted from Psalm 34:8-10*

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

People: **We will taste and see! We will refuge in Christ.**

Leader: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

People: **It is the Lord we will fear and revere.**

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

All:[1] **Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.**

***Prayer of Adoration**

***We Three Kings**

***Manger Throne**

Advent Reading & Prayer – *Blacklock family*

Renewal

Prayers of the People – Jonathan Tucker

Leader: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

People: **Give us this day our daily bread.**

Prayers of the people (see insert)

Confession of Sin – *adapted from Psalm 34:11–14*

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

All: **Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

Silent Confession

***In the Bleak Midwinter**

***Assurance of Pardon** – *adapted from Ps 34:15; Romans 4:5–8*

Leader: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

People: **How can we be called righteous?**

Leader: to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

People: **Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.**

***While By the Sheep We Watched at Night**

Children's Worship Training – *Children are dismissed with children's ministry leaders for a time of worship training, which is designed for children 5 and under. Please remember to pick up your child in the Ed building after worship.*

[1] The pattern of the Lord's Prayer shapes our worship service

Commitment & Communion

Prayer of Preparation

Leader: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

People: **For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *John 16:25-33*

Sermon – *A Peace for You* – Rev. Carter Sanger

Communion at the Lord's Table

***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

Offering/Community Life

***Benediction** – *from 2 Peter 1:2*

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Dismissal

Leader: I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: **Here am I! Send me.**

Sunday schedule:

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10 AM
Worship:	10:30 AM

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4th Sunday of Advent

To all who are weary and looking for hope, welcome.
You're in the right place.

As you find a seat, please silence all electronic devices

Helps for parents with babies or small children:

- Infant **nursery** across from the sanctuary. Toddler nursery in the Education building.
- **Cry room** (end of the hall) available for noisy babies.
- **Worship training** dismissal midway through the service.

Preparation

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh,
but envy makes the bones rot.

– Proverbs 14:30