

The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gather for the

# Worship of God

December 24, 2023, 9:30am: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Glennis Covault

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Glennis Covault

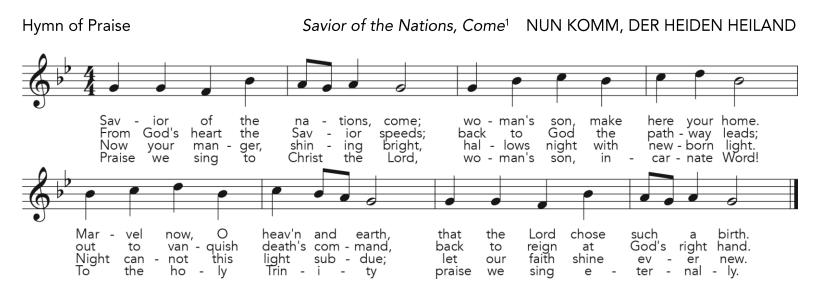
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (J.S. Bach) Sol Rizzato

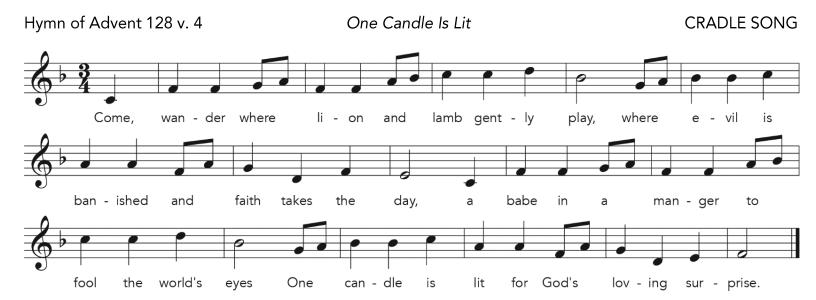
### Meditation for Preparation

"Inside God, God knows of all evil, loss, and destruction, but within God's nature, it is overcome with what is good. Here, and only here, is the world really saved from the self-destruction of evil. This does not prevent evil from affecting our lives in this world, but it offers a concept of salvation outside of this world. Thus, salvation also comes inside God in the form of the kin\*dom of heaven."

-Monica Coleman, Making A Way Out of No Way



Invocation Jan Moore



Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Polly Simmons & Chad Vickers

Hymn of Prayer

O God, We Hear Your Word of Grace<sup>3</sup> (reverse)

CAROL

Prayers of the People O God, who gives us grace... Let love and faith embrace.

# The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin\*dom 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 kin\*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.



Invitation to Stewardship

Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory

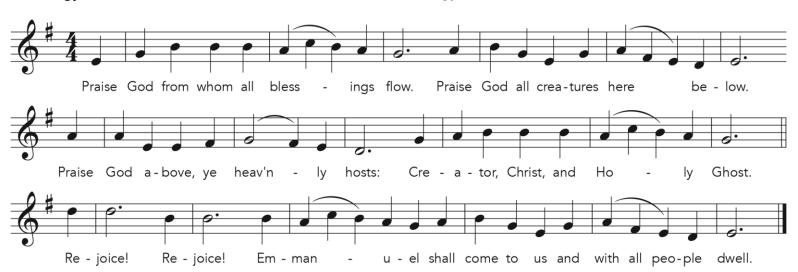
Phineas Windsor's Air (Aaron David Miller)

Sol Rizzato

Doxology

Advent Doxology

**VENI EMANUEL** 



The Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Advent(ure): Salvation Comes

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"I still have a dream that with this faith we will be able to adjourn the councils of despair and bring new light into the dark chambers of pessimism. With this faith we will be able to speed up the day when there will be peace on earth and goodwill toward [all]. It will be a glorious day, the morning stars will sing together, and the [children] of God will shout for joy."

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., A Christmas Sermon on Peace

Hymn of Communion 142

People, Look East

BESANÇON

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 136

Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

PLEADING SAVIOR

Postlude

## Savior of the Nations, Come (Paul Manz) And all the people said... AMEN!

Sol Rizzato



<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by attr. Ambarose of Milan,4th cent. <sup>2</sup>Lyrics by Taize Community, 1984<sup>3</sup>Lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2011 & Nathan A. Russell, 2023 Today's artwork is Christ in the Rubble by Kelly Latimore.

#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room} Sunday, December 24 11:00am:

> YouTube premiere of morning worship 6:00pm:

7:30pm: Worship in the Sanctuary: Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25-29

Church office closed for the holiday

Sunday, December 31 9:30am: Advent 4: Worship in the Sanctuary

YouTube premiere of morning worship 6:00pm:



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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