

10:30 am Worship

December 24, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

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**MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP** “Carols of Christmas” arr. Carol Foss  
Rachelle Crowell, flute; Zerek Dodson, piano

**WELCOME**

Mike Mather and Lynnette Li

**MUSIC FOR ENTERING** “Linus and Lucy” by Vince Guaraldi  
Zerek Dodson, piano

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “What Child is This” arr. Carol Foss  
Rachelle Crowell, flute; Zerek Dodson, piano

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:1-4 – Read by Adrián Pedroza

**CAROL** #230 “O little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1 & 2)

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:5-7 – Read by Katalin Gall

**CAROL** #217 “Away in a Manger” (vs 1 & 2) – Lead by Heidi Fortna

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:8-14 – Read by Khin May Phu

**CAROL** #238 “Angels We Have Heard on High” (vs 1-3)

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:15

**CAROL** #251 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (vs 1) – Lead by Teague McCormick

**THE SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:16-20 – Read by Lorie Crotser

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “I Wonder As I Wander” arr. David Ledgerwood  
Rachelle Crowell, alto flute; Zerek Dodson, piano

**SERMON** *Why Me? Children* – Rev. Michael Mather

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      “Angels’ Carol” by John Rutter  
Eddie Crotser, vocals; Eli Crotser, flute; Zerek Dodson, piano

**CAROL**    #239 “Silent Night” (vs 1-3) – Lead by Eddie and Eli Crotser

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

We will light candles this Christmas.  
Candles of joy, despite all the sadness.  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.  
Candles of courage where fear is ever present.  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days.  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.  
Candles of love to inspire all of my living.  
Candles that will burn all the year long.

**CAROL**    #246 “Joy to the World” (vs 1, 2 & 4)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                              Toccata on “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (à la Vierge)  
Zerek Dodson, organ                      by Paul Fey

*Thank you to all of today’s musicians, and Charlotte Sass, Director of Music.*

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