# **GATHERING AS COMMUNITY**

### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Hadih, Bundada honzoo, welcome in the name of The Christ.

All: Welcome to this place of worship, situated on the

Ancestral and unceded lands of the Lheidli T'enneh people.

Welcome to this place of blessing, this space of grace, and this holy sanctuary.

This place where we discern how to live into the way of Jesus. All: We gather this morning to share in song, word, and prayer, to publicly, intentionally, and explicitly affirm that we are all an expression of the divine's holy light. Welcome to this community, with deep traditions and hearts open to God

All: Be present with God and with one another here Be welcomed and receive this blessing of presence and connection.

#### **LIFE & MINISTRY**

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST SHARED WITH ALL

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

# **LEARNING AND SPEAKING PEACE – Lheidli Dakelh**

Peace of Christ be with you – Dez-ghel nawhulh 'unt'oh And also with you – Cha nyulh 'unt'oh

† HYMN: Prepare the Way of the Lord x3 VU#10

# **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive)

One: We are gathered as Advent people, waiting and preparing for the arrival of Christ

All: Our hearts and spirits open and turned toward God and the gifts of the incarnation

One: Let us feel the stirring of the message and of this new life arriving

All: We walk the path of the candles toward Christ's birth, moving in community with hope and peace

One: Praise be to God, the source of all, who is the beginning and the end of this spiral path of birth, life, death, and life

beyond death.

All: Come, let us walk in this good way, let us belong to one another, just as we belong to God

#### LIGHTING THE WAY IN ADVENT: THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Love Candle Prayer: (Unison)

Divine mystery, this story we retell comes with many surprises, elements that defy the expected patterns: names were chosen that broke convention, people who stood up and took notice of a new Spirit, a movement of radical change seeking the realignment of human values and habits with your love and will for creation. Let this love-light shine, let us say yes to you, Creator, that we may join the cosmos in rejoicing in your love. Amen.

#### **GROUNDING IN THE HOLY ONE**

# **EMBRACING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE (Unison)**

God's grace is poured out for each one of us, and for the world. There is nothing we can do to earn this love and grace, as it is freely given, it is meant for us, and always will be. There is also nothing we can do to be cut off from God or God's all-encompassing, never-ending, always-beginning love. In opening ourselves to receive God's grace, we are embraced within God's Shalom – a wholeness of being grounded in connection and peace. God's Shalom includes us, God's love is for us, God's grace is meant for us.

† HYMN: Hark the Herald Angels Sing VU#48

**Trinity Kids Presentation** 

# A STORY FOR THE AGES

Lectionary@Home: Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72:1-7 & 18-19, Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

FOCUS READINGS: Luke 1: 57-80

WA: This is the witness of The Church.

M: Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM: Good King Wenceslas** 

Skit - Elizabeth - Kathleen Rowlands

Short SERMON:

**Holy Quiet** 

# BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

† HYMN: Oh Come All ye Faithful VU#60

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OUR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)** 

Gracious God, We bring these tokens of our recognition for your abundant gifts. We bring these gifts that they may be transformed by the hands of your community to bring Peace. We bring ourselves that we may share in the cocreating of your loving kin-dom, and that we might too, partake and experience it with others. Holy One, we ask that you would bless these gifts, multiply them, and bring the deep peace of Shalom to your people.

Amen.

† HYMN: The First Nowell VU#91

**†COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION** 

†HYMN: Joy to the World VU#59

### **POSTLUDE**

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY: Worship Leader – Judy Thomas; Worship Assistant – Marilyn Blair; Pianist – Vic Steblin; Trumpet Player – Diane Kjorven; Choir Director – Erica Skowron; Associate Choir Director – Diane Kjorven; Adult Choir; Digital Ministry – Rebecca Fillier & Fya Garbutt

The December 28<sup>th</sup> service will take place at the main campus 3555 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



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You are...Wanted...Valued...Included...Affirmed

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - 10:00 AM Advent 4: Love

†indicates stand as you are able **Bold** indicates participation by the people

MV = More Voices
VU = Voices United

Core Values: Living Faith - Inclusive Fellowship Joyful Service - Being Anti-Racist - Affirming All



Flowers are placed by Judy Wilson in loving memory of her father George.