

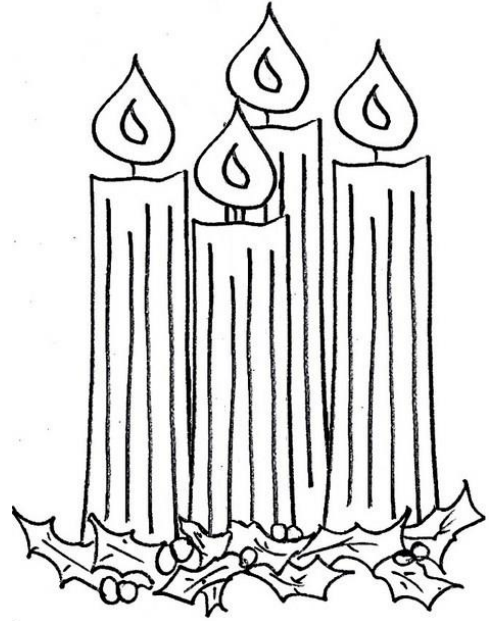
# The Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Service of Lessons and Carols

December 22, 2019

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite One



639 Edgewater Drive • Dunedin, FL 34698  
(727) 733-4125 • Pastor Becky's cell: (727) 458-2625  
www.COGSDunedin.com  
E-Mail the church office: info@cogsdunedin.com

Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

---

### WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**If you are new to our congregation:** Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

**Childcare is available:** During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**If you read music:** if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Getting to know each other:** Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

## SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

### PRELUDE

*Noels*

Louis-Claude Daquin

*[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT: PEACE

*[Please stand when the chimes sound, and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]*

Symbols in the Bulletin **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

**P** We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope. *[1st blue candle is lit.]*

We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Love. *[2nd blue candle is lit.]*

We light the third candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Joy. *[The pink candle is lit.]*

We light the fourth candle as a symbol of Christ, the Prince of Peace. *[Last blue candle is lit.]*

**L** For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**C** **Our God, we come to you today in the spirit of peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

*[Please be seated.]*

### ACCLAMATION

*[Please stand.]*

**P** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**All** **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy Spirit.**

**P** Let us pray... Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE READINGS AND CAROLS

[Please be seated]

### LESSON ONE: Proverbs 8:22–31

☐ The Lord created me at the beginning of his way, before his deeds long in the past. I was formed in ancient times, at the beginning, before the earth was. When there were no watery depths, I was brought forth, when there were no springs flowing with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I was brought forth; before God made the earth and the fields or the first of the dry land.

I was there when he established the heavens, when he marked out the horizon on the deep sea, when he thickened the clouds above, when he secured the fountains of the deep, when he set a limit for the sea, so the water couldn't go beyond his command, when he marked out the earth's foundations.

I was beside him as a master of crafts. I was having fun, smiling before him all the time, frolicking with his inhabited earth and delighting in the human race.

### REFLECTION

#### CAROL

*Praise the Spirit in Creation*

☐ ***Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life's origin:  
Spirit, moving on the waters quickening worlds to life within,  
source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.***

***Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, on our lives descend in might;  
let your flame break out within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,  
till, white-hot in your possession, we, too, set the world alight.***

### LESSON TWO: Isaiah 7:10–15, 9:6-7

☐ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign from the Lord your God. Make it as deep as the grave or as high as heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I won't ask; I won't test the Lord."

Then Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Isn't it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God? Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel. He will eat butter and honey, and learn to reject evil and choose good.

A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever.

### REFLECTION

CAROL

Tune: *Praise we the Lord this Day*

**AI** *The prophet gave the sign For faithful folk to read;  
a virgin born of David's line Shall bear the promised seed.*

*Praise we the Lord this day, This day so long foretold,  
whose promise shone with cheering ray On waiting saints of old.*

**LESSON THREE: Micah 5:2–5a**

Ⓛ As for you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, though you are the least significant of Judah's forces, one who is to be a ruler in Israel on my behalf will come out from you. His origin is from remote times, from ancient days.

Therefore, he will give them up until the time when she who is in labor gives birth. The rest of his kin will return to the people of Israel. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. They will dwell secure, because he will surely become great throughout the earth; he will become one of peace.

**REFLECTION**

CAROL

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**AI** *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight*

**LESSON FOUR: Luke 1:5–20, 23– 24a**

Ⓛ During the rule of King Herod of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah. His wife Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron. They were both righteous before God, blameless in their observance of all the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old. One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God because his priestly division was on duty. Following the customs of priestly service, he was chosen by lottery to go into the Lord's sanctuary and burn incense. All the people who gathered to worship were praying outside during this hour of incense offering. An angel from the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw the angel, he was startled and overcome with fear.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many people will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the Lord's eyes. He must not drink wine and liquor. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before his birth. He will bring many Israelites back to the Lord their God. He will go forth before the Lord, equipped with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will turn the hearts of fathers[a] back to their children, and he will turn the disobedient to righteous patterns of thinking. He will make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure of this? My wife and I are very old.”

The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in God’s presence. I was sent to speak to you and to bring this good news to you. Know this: What I have spoken will come true at the proper time. But because you didn’t believe, you will remain silent, unable to speak until the day when these things happen.” When he completed the days of his priestly service, he returned home. Afterward, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. She kept to herself for five months.

## REFLECTION

### CAROL

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

**Alt** *Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free  
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David’s tree.  
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.  
With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,  
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;  
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise  
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.*

## LESSON FIVE: Matthew 1:18–24

**L** This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn’t want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly.

As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the child she carries was conceived by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Now all of this took place so that what the Lord had spoken through the prophet would be fulfilled: *Look! A virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him, Emmanuel.* (Emmanuel means “God with us.”)

When Joseph woke up, he did just as an angel from God commanded and took Mary as his wife.

## REFLECTION

### CAROL

*Come Now and Praise*  
[Tune: *The King Shall Come*]

**Alt** *Come now and praise the humble saint of David’s house and line,  
the carpenter whose life fulfilled our gracious God’s design.  
The angel spoke as Joseph slept: “God calls you to become  
the Virgin’s spouse, the guardian of great David’s greater Son.”  
For him there was no glory here, no crown or martyr’s fame;  
for him there was the patient life of faith and humble name.*

**LESSON SIX:** Luke 1:39–45

- ☐ Mary got up and hurried to a city in the Judean highlands. She entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. With a loud voice she blurted out, "God has blessed you above all women, and he has blessed the child you carry. Why do I have this honor, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. Happy is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill the promises he made to her."

**REFLECTION**

**CAROL**

*My Soul Cries Out*

**AD**

***My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?***

Refrain

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.***

***Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.***

Refrain

***Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.***

Refrain

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*[Please kneel, stand or sit, as you choose.]*

- ☐ Christ is coming to make all things new. We pray for the Universal Church, its members in all times and places, and its mission to reconcile the world to God.
- ☐ The King of kings is coming to reign forever. We pray for this nation and all in authority, and for the welfare of the whole world.

The Prince of Peace is coming to heal all creation. We pray for our local community and all whose lives are closely linked with ours. We give you thanks for the flowers given today to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Marie Kuratnick, by her children, Robert, Bernie & Beth.

The Wonderful Counselor is coming to comfort all who suffer or who are in any trouble. We pray especially for *[read names in notebook]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. *[Leave time....]*

The Lord of Life is coming to raise up all who have died and comfort all who mourn. We pray especially for *[read names in notebook]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts. *[Leave time....]*

Everlasting Father, hasten the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we who now live by faith may with joy behold your Son when he comes in glory.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

### THE PEACE

*[Please stand.]*

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☑ **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*[Please be seated.]*

- ☐ Let us with gladness bring the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

*[Please stand when the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented by the Deacon.]*

- ☐ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:
  - ☑ **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Al** **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**P** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.



**☩** And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

**☩** By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**☩ AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**☩** 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**☩** The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

**☩** Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

**☩** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may have the person with the cup dip it in the wine and place it in your mouth, or you may dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]*

***Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.***

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]*

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

*[Please stand.]*

**P** The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by filling our lives with the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*From Heaven High I Come to You*

J. Pachelbel

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicerist	Brett Dickie
Lectors	Barbara Groff & Butch Niford Wendy Anderson & Brett Dickie Diane Niford & Barbara Groff
Prayers of the People	Brett Dickie
Prayer Team	Butch Niford & Diane Niford
Greeter	Jay Harvey
Usher	John Schmidt
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

*The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at all the services listed below.*

### BLUE CHRISTMAS

**Saturday, December 21, at 5:00 PM**

This service of lessons, songs and meditations is a thoughtful celebration of the birth of Christ. Although offered especially for those who are grieving, or for whom the holidays are difficult, all are welcome to an evening of solemn joy.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**5:00 PM**

**Family service with a Plug-In Pageant.**

We tell the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus.

Anyone who wishes to take part in the pageant is "plugged in!"

We'll also have candlelight and carols.

**9:00 PM**

**Candlelight service.**

This is a festival of traditional carols, words of comfort and hope.

Special music begins at 8:30 PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**10:00 AM**

**Feast of the Nativity**

Join us for a jubilant morning of worship and Christmas hymns.