

† Please stand as you are able

Please fill out the guest, friend, or member card located in your pew and place in the offering plate.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Chiming the Trinity**

**Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

Today we light the candle of love as a reminder that from the very first generation, God has surrounded us with love. May this good news—these threads of love—not only weave deeper connections between neighbors, but shape our actions and allow us to see God more clearly.

*The fourth Advent candle of love is lit.*

**All: In a lonely world, let this light shine bright. We are held in God's love. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

† **Opening Hymn** Wait for the Lord (x2) **WS 3049**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Please have mercy on us, forgive us, lead us to repentance, and give us a new start, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

Friends, even when our love failed, God's love never fails. Even while we were yet sinners, God gave his only Son. This proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader): in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

† **Passing of the Peace**

*At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1:26-38 Herb Schwarze

† **Hymn** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming **UMH 216**

† **Hymn** My Soul Gives Glory to God **UMH 198**

**Offering and Song** Love Has Come **UMH 3059**



**The Doxology** (to the tune on UMH 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

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† **The Doxology**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:1-7 Cassandra Randall

† **Hymn** Love Came Down at Christmas **UMH 242**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:8-20 Jan Schwarze

† **Hymn Medley (with choir)** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing **UMH 240**  
Angels We Have Heard on High **UMH 238**

† **Announcements and Benediction**

† **Chiming the Trinity**

† **Postlude**

**Announcements**

- Christmas Eve Service on Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
- Christmas Eve is your last chance to help us reach our goal of 100 lbs. of rice, 100 lbs. of dried beans, 300 cans of soup, and \$1,000 to Parktown Food Hub!
- Pastor Adam will be off on Wednesday, Thursday, and next week
- We will have a service of baptism on Sunday, December 29
- You may pick up a book "The Bible Year." If you wish to pay the church back for it, they were \$20 each.