

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

Worship of God

December 22, 2024; 9:30am: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

The Spirit of God is with you...

And also with you!

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Nathan A. Russell

Meditation for Preparation

"We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it."

-Madeleine L'Engle, Madeleine L'Engle Herself

Hymn of Praise 140

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

SHEFFIELD

Invocation

Bob Rieth

Hymn of Advent 128 v. 4

One Candle is Lit

CRADLE SONG



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Nancy Walker & Lill McNeal

Hymn of Prayer 130

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Prayers of the People

God of loving covenant...

Help us remember your promises.

Debby Willets

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.

Sung Response

Wait for the Lord¹

WAIT FOR THE LORD



Invitation to Stewardship

Lauri Warfield

Offertory

In Quiet Mood (Florence Price)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Among us Came the Word to Dwell²

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Among us came the Word to dwell, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel! Alleluia! Alleluia! Though in our sin we failed to see, still by this Word we are set free. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Reading

Luke 1:46-56 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God!

Magnificent Advent: Love Sermon

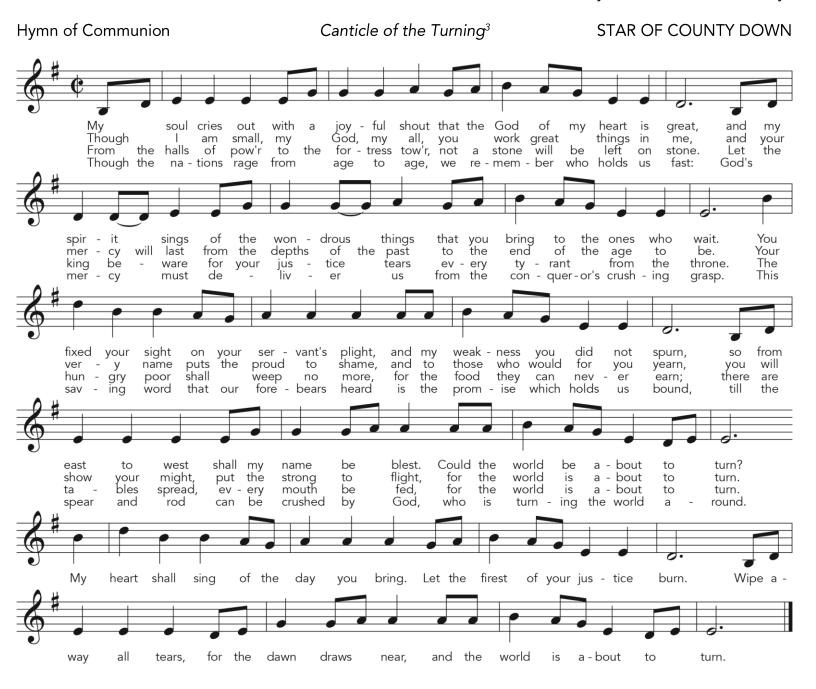
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Discipline of Silence

"Having failed in all things / I enter a new age / seeing the old ways as toys, / the houses of a stage / painted ang long forgot; / and I find love and rage. / Rage for the world as it is / but for what it may be / more love now than last year and always less self-pity / since I know in a clearer light / the strength of the mystery."

-Muriel Rukeyser, The Place in the Ways



Invitation to Commune Debby Willets

Prayer at the Table Nancy Walker

Words of Institution Debby Willets

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 142 People, Look East BESANÇON

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude People, Look East (Kristina Langlois) Sol M. Rizzato

And all the people said... AMEN!

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¹WORDS: Ref. Taizé Community, 1984; MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

²WORDS: Chris Shelton, 2015; Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

³WORDS: Scripture text; paraphrased Rory Cooney, MUSIC: Irish melody

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 22

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, December 24

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 7:30pm: Christmas Eve Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 25-January 1

• Church Office closed for the holidays



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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