

**Welcome to Bethany's time of
PRAISE & WORSHIP**
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God...come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now. **Repeat**

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INVOCATION

P: In the mighty name of God,
in the saving name of Jesus,
in the strong name of the Spirit,

**C: we come, we watch,
we wait, we long for God.**

P: The Spirit and the church cry out:

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: All those who await His appearance pray:

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WELCOME

to Advent and to Bethany!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

BLESSING THE ADVENT WREATH:

P: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, the
Sunday of Love. Jesus shows us God's
perfect love in human form.

**C: Those who believe in Christ
and live in Him, live in love.
Love transforms all things.
Love never ends.**

P: We light this candle today to remind us that
God is love. We thank God for the hope He
gives us, for the peace He bestows, for the
joy He pours into our hearts,

**C: and for the love that redeems us and
shows us the way.**

LIGHTING THE “LOVE” CANDLE

CANDLE OF LOVE SONG

(tune “Away in a Manger”)

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above,
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. With your
abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that
binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve
you always, for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Micah 5: 2-5a

Hebrews 10: 5-10

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Song of Love”

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot
free ourselves. We have sinned against you in
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and
by what we have left undone. We have not loved
you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy
name. **Amen.**

*The leader announces the
Good News of forgiveness in Christ*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Petitions end, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

Congregation sings:

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r,
Send us Grace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

“Love Song”

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God evermore
Good news great joy for all
Melody breaks through the silence
Christ the Savior is born
Jesus the love song of God
(Jesus the love song of God)

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 1: 39-55

MESSAGE

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor continues with thanksgiving
And the Words of Institution*

HOLY COMMUNION

“Mighty to Save”

Refrain

Saviour
He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

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BLESSING

“Surround Us Lord”

As the mountains surround Jerusalem
So the Lord surrounds His people
As the mountains surround Jerusalem
So the Lord surrounds His people

Surround us Lord
Surround us Lord
We need to be in Your presence
Surround us Lord

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be, live as, and make disciples of
Jesus Christ...with enthusiasm!

C: Thanks be to God! And we will...