

December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

Mike & Carla Crompton

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is both of God and knows God....God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.” I John 4:7, 9

And the Light
Was not, could not, will not be dimmed

In 1885 Christina Rossetti wrote a poem which was later made into a hymn in 1922.
The words are:

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas;
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus.
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token;
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and others,
love for plea and gift and sign.

One this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Love because we believe God is Love; Jesus the Christ is Love Incarnate; the Holy Spirit shows us the way of love.

***Hymn #6** (Green Book): “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture:

Luke 1:46b-55

Jim Miers

Anthem: Once Upon A Miracle, by Berta and Sonja Poorman

Time With Young Disciples

***Unison Prayer**

O God, at this time each year, we remind ourselves that you have come and continue coming into our lives. You shatter reasoned expectations, give wonder and awe, and fulfill promises little understood. Watching and waiting, we pray, hasten the day. Amen.

Sermon: "Of Course She Knew"

***Hymn #119:** "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

The Community at Prayer (*Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord's Prayer*)

If you are watching online, type any prayer requests in the chat by the end of the sermon and we can voice them and get the names on the prayer list.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Invitation to the Offering

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website at <https://www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org/>)

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

***Hymn #3 (Green Book): "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Choral Response**

***Postlude**

