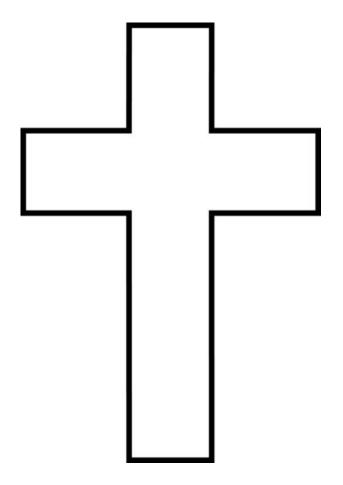
St. David's Presbyterian Church 98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8

Order of Service for Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24th, 2023 Candlelight Service



Elder on Duty: Janet Calver

Manager on Duty: Jill Bruneau

Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship:

We are Christmas people. We have heard the good news that a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us, and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

We have seen God kindle hope, peace, joy and love in our lives and in our world.

The centre candle in our Advent wreath is the Christ candle. From this light, all good gifts come. We light this candle remembering the One who is the

Light of the world.

(The Christ Candle is lit)

Let us pray:

Holy One, you sent your son as a baby born in Bethlehem. Give us a strong sense of his birth among us, so that our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this Christmas flame. Make your church a place that shines with the wonder of your love. Amen.

Hymn # 139 Hark the Herald Angels sing v. 1, 3

Prayer

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. 1031)

Hymn # 145 In the Bleak Midwinter v. 1, 2, 4

Reading: Luke 2:4-12 (p. 1525)

Meditation: "The Gift you can give tomorrow"

Offering and Distribution of Candles

Lighting of Candles

Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

See insert for these three hymns: Hymn # 144 'Twas in the moon of wintertime Hymn # 149 Away in a Manger Hymn # 154 Silent night

Benediction Postlude

We **WELCOME** everyone to our worship and pray that this hour might be one of refreshment and spiritual joy.

An unstaffed **Nursery** for infants and toddlers is available through the door at the front right hand side of the Sanctuary.

There is additional **parking** available next door at Elizabeth Tower's parking lot and across the street at the English School District parking lot.