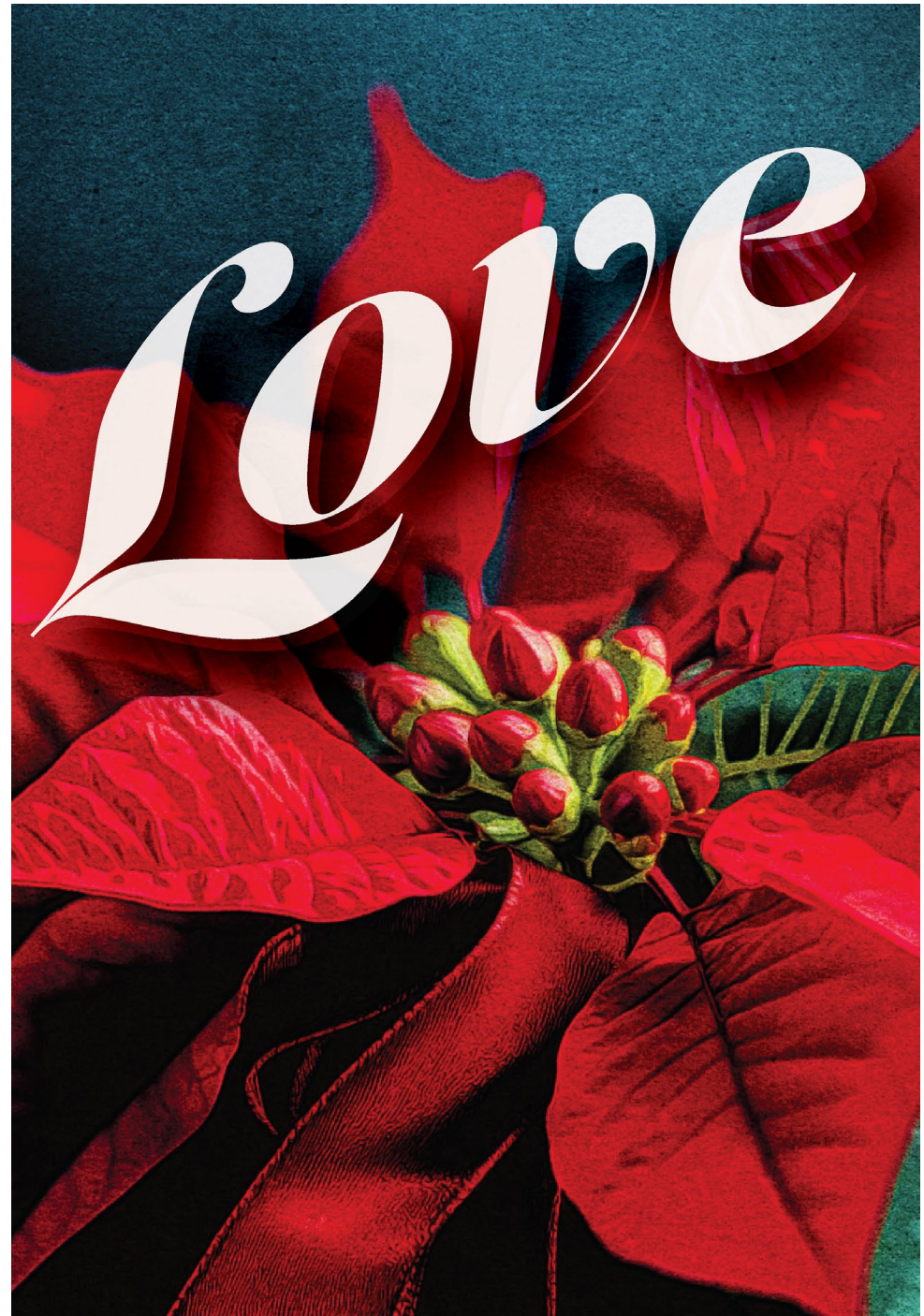


## Fourth Sunday



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## Order of Worship

**Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.**

December 22, 2024      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**      10:00 A.M.

*Welcome to our Annual Christmas Musicale!*

*We're so grateful to all our participants who have worked very hard to prepare for our service.*

*Please refrain from applauding until the end of the service when you'll be given an opportunity to express your appreciation.*

PRELUDE      *"Gesu Bambino"*      Pietro A. Yon  
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

### ***Our Approach to God***

CALL TO WORSHIP      from Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

**People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

Leader: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

**People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!**

Leader: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN      *"Love Has Come"*      #256

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE      insert/screens

ALLELUIA CHOIR      *"Born, Born in Bethlehem"*      arr. Donald Moore

CHILDREN'S MOMENT      Pastor Waldis

CHANCEL CHOIR      *"Rejoice Your Light Has Come"*      Mary McDonald

PASSING OF THE PEACE

### ***The Word of God***

\*HYMN      *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*      #279

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE      Psalm 148:1-14      p. 865 (OT)  
   Luke 2:8-14      p. 58 (NT)  
   Ruth Cuffe, liturgist

SERMON      *"Time to Praise"*      Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### ***Our Response to God***

BELL CHOIR      *"Christmas Joy"*      Jason Krug  
Amy Duran, piano

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER      #815

CHANCEL CHOIR      *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*      arr. Harry Simeone

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN      *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*      #251

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE      *"Celebration of Glory"*      arr. Bill Galliford  
Amy Duran, piano; Barbara Ciannella, organ

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**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME BACK** Nate Giordano on the bass and trumpeters Kevin Alarcon and Patrick Trapp.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Wini Kinkele; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Charles Moorman; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

**UNITY PRAYER:** God, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit to guide us in our preparations for Christmas. We pray that your Holy Spirit would set our hearts on the joy of the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

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