



Advent Service
of Hope and Remembrance
December 16, 2020

PRELUDE: "Passacaglia" in D Minor Bux WV 161 D. Buxtehude
Viktor Billa—organ

INTROIT: "I Wonder as I Wander" John Jacob Niles
Warren May

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.
All: Lord, in your mercy
Come, my Life, and revive me from death.
All: Lord, in your mercy
Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.
All : Lord, in your mercy
Come, Flame of divine love, kindling my heart with the flame of
your love.
All: Lord, in your mercy
Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there. For
you alone are my King and my Lord.
All: Lord, in your mercy. Amen.

WELCOME Dr. Nick Quinton

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light our first candle a single light that the deepest darkness
cannot conquer—small—insignificant but a sign of hope.
**All: Let it speak to us of the tiny flame of hope buried within us—the
stubborn little light that refuses to be extinguished.**
We light our second candle a companion to the first—equally
small—equally insignificant—but witnessing to hope that another
light brings.
**All: Let it speak to us of the lights of companionship—of our families
and our friends—of strangers and kindness found in unexpected**

places that restored our hope in human nature.

We light our third candle recalling nights of watching and waiting—
sleepless—anxious when dawn seemed to ebb further from the
horizon and hope seemed forlorn.

**All: Let it speak to us of the sureness of morning—of the passing of
darkness of suffering—and the promise of an eternal sunrise
though we may yet be in that darkest hour before the dawn.**

We light our fourth candle—marking the closing of the Advent
season and the immediacy of Christmas—a time of peace and joy we
may not ourselves feel able to welcome—as our spirits dwell in dark
and winteriness.

**All: Let it speak to us of hope—of being together in this place of
healing and wholeness—of our companionship this night —of the
faith that we have that those we have loved are held eternally in
the hand of the One who brought light into being—and who
knows each one of us by name.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Shepherds Farewell" Hector Berlioz
Ensemble

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

**All: Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may
cease; we pray for your spirit and your love, that you grant us
strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ.
Amen. (The United Methodist Hymnal #531)**

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 20: 24-29

ANTHEM: "Sing Me to Heaven" Daniel Gawthrop
Ensemble

MEDITATION: A Wounded Life Dr. Nick Quinton

BENEDICTION:

RESPONSE: "May the Road Rise To Meet You" Mark Repasky
Warren May and Julie Sherman

POSTLUDE: "Chaconne" in F Minor J.
Pachelbel
Viktor Billa—organ

Ensemble

Victoria Ash	Laura Ashley
Patrick Ashley	Carol Dalton
Erik King	Susan King
Julie Sherman	Gary Mathews
Warren May	Chris Titko

Christmas Eve Services

7:00pm

Live Streamed Sanctuary Service

9:00pm

Outdoor In-Person Service

11:00pm

Recorded Sanctuary Service available

