

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve Day

10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements



Call to Worship

Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

Wayne Parker

Invocation for Advent

* Gathering Hymn: *"Hark the Glad Sound"*

(#118)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Anthem: *"What Can I Give?"*

(Deborah Govenor)

* Children's Hymn: *"People in Darkness"*

(#124)

Children's Time

(Grade 9 & under leave for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Living God, your words are wonderful and your promises generous and life giving. Open our ears, open our hearts and open our minds to make us attentive to Jesus, the living Word, in our midst. Amen.

Or

All: Thanks be to God.



Scriptures

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Luke 1:26-38

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Mr. Ian Madge

SERMON

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"All Earth is Waiting"*

(#109)

Declaration of Faith (in unison)

(Sara Miles)

**At the heart of Christianity
is a power that continues to speak to
and transform us.**

**As I found to my surprise and alarm,
it could speak even to me:
not in the sappy, Jesus-and-cookies tone
of mild-mannered liberal Christianity,
or the blustering, blaming hellfire
of the religious right.**

**What I heard, and continue to hear,
is a voice that can crack
religious and political convictions open,
that advocates for the least qualified,
least official, least likely;
that upsets the established order
and makes a joke of certainty.
It proclaims against reason
that the hungry will be fed,
that those cast down will be raised up,
and that all things, including my own failures,
are being made new.
It offers food without exception
to the worthy and unworthy,
the screwed-up and pious,
and then commands everyone to do the same.**



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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, Offertory

* Doxology

(#79)

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer:

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

(#110)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now In Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude