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**Celebration of Worship**  
December 17, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Gathering**

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. gretchen Sausville

**Christmas Cantata** *A Festival of Lessons and Carols*  
-Hal H. Hopson  
Sung by Voice of the Spirit, Chancel Choir

**Prelude** *Carol Prelude*  
Organ, Piano, Chara Bells, and Trumpet

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** (the candle of Love)

**Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**A Bidding Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**First Lesson** Genesis 3:8-15

**Choir** *God Walked in Eden's Garden Fair*

**Second Lesson** Genesis 22:15-18

**Hymn** *The God of Abr'am Praise*

**Proclaiming**

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

**Choir** *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

Choir

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
with *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Responding

Offering

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Invitation to Give

Offertory Music

*There Is No Rose*  
Prayer Requests Collected

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**We give our best to You, loving God, for You have given Your best to us in the mystery of the incarnation. May our offerings proclaim Jesus in ways that will be received with joy. Send Your Word to the world in this season through our caring service. May we share it with one another in ways that help us all to grow. We are Your servants. The gifts we dedicate are already Yours. Thank You for all the ways You have provided for us. Amen.**

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23

Hymn

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Hymn

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Pastoral Prayer

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

Choir

*From a Distant Home*

Ashley Volzke, Soloist

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

Hymn

*Joy to the World*

Closing Prayers

Collect  
The Blessing

\*Passing the Peace

Postlude

*Joy to the World* -J. Curnow

\*Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.  
**BOLD signifies congregational participation.**

**Participants**

Derek Banach

Trumpet

Cory Bissell

Director of Chara Bells

Jim Calm

Music Director

Ann DeMers

Reader

Steve Galbraith

Reader

Helene McGuire

Organist

Sarah Pieplow

Pianist

Reverend gretchen Sausville

Minister and Reader