FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
IT TAKES A VILLAGE

DECEMBER 19, 2021
Congregational responses are printed in **bold type.**
* Please stand as you are able.

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**GATHERING**

Gathering Song  
“*Prepare the Way of the Lord*”  
No. 121

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude  
“*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*”  
arr. G. Martin

Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer*

Holy One, you are the Source of our Courage and a Faithful Presence in times of sorrow and uncertainty, celebration and delight. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light these candles with confidence in all your goodness.

**Kindle within us the flames of love that we may embody your love with each other and with the world you share with us. Amen.**

*(If you are worshiping at home, please light your Advent candles at this time)*

Hymn  
“*When God Is a Child*”  
No. 132, verses 1-4

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Call to Prayer  
“*Upon This Path*”  
Tice/Morris

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayers *(2 minutes)*
PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Psalms
   Psalm 80

Sung Response
   “Drop Down, You Heavens”  Macek/Tate

Gospel Reading
   Mary  Marie Wimsett

Proclamation of the Word
   CCC God Squad & Young Church
   The Nativity Play

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*Hymn of Invitation
   “My Soul in Stillness Waits”

*Passing the Peace
   The peace of Christ be with you.
   And also with you.

*Affirmation of Faith
   We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God,
   and proclaim him Lord and Savior.
   From the Preamble to the Design for the Christian Church, DOC

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Offering

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering and Thanksgiving for the Bread and Cup
The Lord’s Prayer *(using sins/sin)*

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*We will eat the bread together when the elder indicates. We will drink the cup together prior to the prayer after communion.*

Communion Music

“*O Little Town of Bethlehem*”

Prayer after Communion

**GOING FORTH**

*Closing Hymn  “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”  No. 150*

*Blessing*

“*God calls Central Christian Church to be a welcoming and open faith community where Christian love, action, and discipleship unite.*”

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