Order of Worship December 20, 2020

Welcome

Greeting

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Amanda Koenig

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Noreen Quill

"The true light that shines on all people was coming into the world."

We light the fourth Advent candle as creatures eager to meet their Creator. The Word, the life that was present in the beginning is coming down to us, to make God known. Jesus, you are the light of the world.

Opening Hymn

We Have a Savior

Opening Prayer	Advent prayer from Fr. Henri Nouwen	Jane Dixon
Lord Jesus,		
Master of both th	e light and the darkness,	
send your Holy	Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.	
We who have so	much to do	
seek quiet spo	aces to hear your voice each day.	
We who are anxie	ous over many things	
look forward to your coming among us.		
We who are bless	ed in so many ways	
long for the co	omplete joy of your kingdom.	
We whose hearts	are heavy	
seek the joy o	f your presence.	
We are your peop	ole,	
walking in dar	kness, yet seeking the light.	
To you we say, "C	Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.	

Scripture

John 1:1-5

David Fischer

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it

Sermon	Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Chris Week 4: Pushing Back the Darkness Rev. Tr	acy McNeil Wines	
Special Music	Run, Shepherds Celebration Singers	Johnson	
Offering Testimony		John Ausink	
Prayer Sally Gabler Creator God, in the beginning you called light from darkness, and you have made your light to shine in our hearts by displaying your glory in the person of Jesus Christ. We call him by many names, but they all point to your presence, power, and love. May we shine with your light not only at Christmas but at all times, in all our words and deeds. As Jesus took on human flesh so long ago, may we your followers incarnate your love for others, so that all might give glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.			
Closing Hymn	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Nilse Furtado-Gilliam and Sean Gilliam	UMH 206	
Benediction	Rev. Tr	acy McNeil Wines	
Choral Response	Come, Dearest Child, Into Our Hearts	Frazier	
Postlude	Fantasy on 'Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland'	Manz	

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Closing prayer adapted from the Incarnation: Leader Guide, by Mike Poteet Advent prayer ~ written by Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen. Posted on Patheos. http://www.patheos.com/blogs/yimcatholic/2012/12/an-advent-prayer.html

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Words and Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Glover



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