

Fourth Sunday of Advent



“A Room with a View” | Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46-55

PRELUDE—“*Away in a Manger*” (arr. M. Kim)

Sungyun Kim

WELCOME

Rev. Virzola Law

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Rev. Megan Turner

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP / LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Rev. Megan Turner, John and Sue Ann Ruth

Leader: This has been an Advent season of prophets: Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Micah. And now the prophet is Mary—the woman who was the original house for the holy. She was “the inn,” her womb gestating love for the world. With all her heart, she proclaims that the lowly are lifted, the hungry are fed, mercy reigns. Like Mary, we must envision, must see, must prophesy and act on that vision for the world that God continues to call us to co-create. What is the view from the room that God has prepared?

**All: Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play
Where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
A babe in a manger to fool the world’s eyes.
One candle is lit for God’s loving surprise.**

Readers: Isaiah 9:6
Today we offer the Light of Love to illumine the Door of Welcome.
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.
May Love awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
There IS room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

**All: Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play
Where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
A babe in a manger to fool the world’s eyes.
One candle is lit for God’s loving surprise.**

* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

* **OPENING HYMN**—#155 “*Angels We Have Heard on High*” (vs. 1,3,4)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ, who comes in lowly birth.
Come adore on bended knee Jesus, joy of heaven and earth.
Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*See within a manger laid, Christ, whom choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Refrain Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lisa Gholston, Ike Rahn, Charles Darwin

**Make of my heart a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for love to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our hearts to honesty before God
about what we’ve done and left undone that created less love in a hurting world.

Let us breathe out this regret...
and breathe in the life-giving, for-giving Spirit of God...
and out again with the Peace of Christ...

**Make of my life a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for love to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our lives to the call of the Spirit,
inviting us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

Let us breathe out our fear...
and breathe in the courage of the Spirit of God...
and out again, with the Peace of Christ...

**Make of our church a stable, a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place for love to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of this church, filling it with
the compassion of Christ for all those who are struggling.

We remember and pray for...

May the Advent of Compassion be born in us, reside within us,
move outward from us, to meet the needs of the world,
making a house for the Holy that is each and every child of God.

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Megan Turner

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Rev. Megan Turner

OFFERING

Rev. Megan Turner

* **DOXOLOGY**—#46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Megan Turner

SCRIPTURE READINGS—Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1: 46-55

Mary Ann Wilson

ANTHEM—“*Breath of Heaven*” (Amy Grant, Chris Eaton)

Jasmin Williams

THE MORNING MESSAGE—“*A Room With A View*”

Rev. Virzola Law

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

Rev. Megan Turner

COMMUNION HYMN—#161 “*I Wonder as I Wander*” (v. 1, 2)

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky;
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall,
The promise of ages it then did recall.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Megan Turner

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Lisa Gholston, Ted Brown

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us.

People: Amen

Leader: The Blood of Christ was poured out for us.

People: Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Megan Turner

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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

Rev. Megan Turner

We believe in “open communion” as a church, which means that we do not require you to be a member of Northway in order to participate in the service of the Lord’s Supper. Remember what God has done for you in Christ and respond by faith. You don’t have to have it all figured out or recite a creed; it is not a requirement of the head, but an invitation addressed to your heart.

Committed to our value of an Open Table—inviting
all to the table where our diversity finds unity in Christ.

* **CLOSING CAROL**—#148 “*O Come, All Ye Faithful*” (vs. 1, 4)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*Refrain O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

* **INVITATION**

Rev. Virzola Law

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born for our salvation,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;*

*Refrain O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

* **BENEDICTION**

Rev. Virzola Law

POSTLUDE—“*Toccata on ‘Angels We Have Heard on High’*” (R. Elliot)

Sungyun Kim

WELCOME

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! Northway’s mission is to Share Christ with those seeking meaning and purpose. That’s why, in addition to worship, we also provide ways for you to discover the God we know in Jesus Christ, to connect with one another, and serve others from our front doorsteps to the ends of the earth. We would love to help you take the next step in your own search for...a church home...deeper engagement with scripture...meaningful relationships...meaning and purpose in your life.

Do you have questions about Northway? To learn more about our beliefs, history, staff, and opportunities, please visit the Welcome Center, located at the main entrance off the Northwest Hwy. parking lot. If you would prefer to speak to a staff member Monday through Friday, please call 214.361.6641.

A LOOK AHEAD AT CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

Event Date	Event Name	Start Time	Location
Sunday, December 19, 2021	Concert Bells of Fort Worth	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Friday, December 24, 2021	Christmas Eve Family Service	3:00 PM	Circle Drive
	Candles, Carols & Communion Service	11:00 PM	Sanctuary

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