



Worship Service for December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Cii-jayy Jones
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise and Worship Song	Congregation

Sing! #174 "Star Child"

Star-Child, earth-Child
Go-between of God,
Love Child, Christ Child,
Heaven's lightning rod.

This year, this year,
Let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for every-one,
Everyone alive!

Street child, beat child,
no place left to go,
hurt child, used child,
no one wants to know.

Grown child, old child,
memory full of years,
sad child, lost child,
story told in tears.

This year, this year,
Let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for every-one,
Everyone alive!

Spared child, spoiled child,
having, wanting more,
wise child, faith child,
knowing joy in store.

Hope-for-peace Child,
God's stupendous sign,
Down-to-earth Child,
Star of stars that shine.

This year, this year,
Let the day arrive
When Christmas comes for every-one,
Everyone alive!

Announcements

Cii-jayy Jones

Call to Worship

Cii-jayy Jones

LEADER: In Advent, we watch and wait in wakeful alertness.

**ALL: In Advent, we prepare to proclaim the meaning
of Jesus' birth.**

LEADER: In Advent, we greet the Holy One, who transforms
our lives into living temples of divine light.

**ALL: In Advent, we prepare to walk the path of
righteousness and discipleship.**

LEADER: In Advent, we watch for signs of God's presence birthing new life.

ALL: Come, Holy One! Be born in and among us!
Make yourself known to us!

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

"We Light a Candle"

We light a candle for hope
and our world that's longing for hope
We light a candle for hope
and our world that's longing for hope
Holy One, shine with the fire of our lives oh
We light a candle for hope
and our world that's longing for hope.

We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace
We light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace
Holy One, shine with the fire of our lives

Oh, we light a candle for peace
and our world that's longing for peace

We light a candle for joy
and our world that's longing for joy

We light a candle for joy
and our world that's longing for joy

Holy One, shine with the fire of our lives

Oh, we light a candle for joy
and our world that's longing for joy

We light a candle for love
and our world that's longing for love

We light a candle for love
and our world that's longing for love

Holy One, shine with the fire of our lives

Oh, we light a candle for love
and our world that's longing for love

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: Holy One, in this Advent season, we put our trust in the power of love to overcome hate. We pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and the endurance to embody your divine light. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence. Help us to devote our lives to the task of making peace in our world, for the sake of humanity and all of creation.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Pastor Felix Carrión & Cii-jayy Jones

It is the season of short days and long nights. We light this candle of hope to remember that even in natural darkness, our lights shine. Let us slow down and listen to the sacred voice that guides us as we wait to celebrate the coming light in the Child Jesus.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

1 John 4:7 & 8, 12, 18, 19

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent Jesus into the world so that we might live through him. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us.

Contemporary Witness

Cii-jayy Jones

*TAn Instrument of Your Peace:
A Tribute to the Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi
Poems by Helen Steiner Rice
"What Is Love?"*

What is love? No words can define it –

It's something so great only God could design it.

Wonder of wonders, beyond our conception –
And only in God can love find true perfection.
Yes, love is beyond what we can define,
For love is immortal and God's gift divine.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“God's Love Shines In Our Hearts”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Love Came Down”

Love came down at Christmas, Love came down (7x), Love
came down! (Love came down!) Love came down at
Christmas, Love came down!

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come
down! Gloria! (Love came down, love came down!) Love
came down at Christmas, love came down!

On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news that the angels bring.

All out of darkness we have light,
for Love came down on that Christmas night.
News of great hope and news of great mirth,
(Love and peace on earth,)
joyful news of our merciful King's birth.

Gloria!

(Love came down (3x).)
Oh come, all ye faithful,
(He is born, the divine Christ child,)
joyful and triumphant,
(play the oboe and bagpipe merrily.)
O come, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.
O come let us adore Him (3x),
Christ the Lord.

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her tiny Child.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
Love came down at Christmas,
Love came down (7x)
on Christmas night.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Cii-jayy Jones

Double Down For Plymouth

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

***Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God for gifts of hope and peace

Praise God for gifts of joy and love

Praise God for sending Christ to dwell

On earth for us - Emmanuel

Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Cii-jayy Jones

ALL: Holy One, we commit what we have offered to help sow seeds of hope, peace, joy, and love in the world. Bless now these offerings. May they be used in the service of spreading your divine light.

Amen.

*Hymn

Congregation

TNCH #131 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
great news of joy we bring."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,

and still their heavenly music floats
o're all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wings,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way,
with painful steps and slow,
Look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years
shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth

its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

TNCH #136 “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
new life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;
new life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring!

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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