



Bellflower UMC

December 18, 2022

Advent IV

GREETINGS¹

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

Christ, by highest heav'n adored.

Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus, the light of the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP²

God-with-us, Immanuel,

comes to give us our own Holy Family,

here with the body of Christ this day.

Rejoice and be glad! **Amen!**

ADVENT CANDLES

RESPONSE³ 🎵

Love, love, love, may earth be filled with love.

The love of God that knows no ending,

blessings of love that God is sending.

Love, love, love, may Earth be filled with love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 7:10-16

HYMN 🎵

240. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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² *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1* ©
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³ Advent lyrics by John Stuart, www.stushieart.com, 2022.

PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

HYMN

213. Lift Up Your Heads

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

SERMON

CONFESSION & PARDON - #12

OFFERING & PEACE

DOXOLOGY - #95

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks
for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHARGE & BLESSING⁴

God still sends signs. Open your eyes to the possibility of grace.

God still sends signs. Embrace the child of hope.

God still sends signs. Let the song of joy send you forth in peace.

Go with the God who still sends signs.

POSTLUDE

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

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⁴ Derek Weber, Discipleship Ministries, 2022