



Bellflower UMC

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING¹

POSTLUDE² 🎵

**Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CALL TO WORSHIP³

**Stop. Listen. Pay attention. Love is coming near.
We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that
transforms us.**

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The Hope Bringer, Peace Maker, Joy Sustainer grows in a womb, preparing to be born among us.

We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that transforms us.

With Mary, we long for the coming of the Child who will transform the world, bringing justice where injustice reigns, fullness where hunger persists, and favor to the ones the world calls lowly.

We wait in the love of the coming Messiah that transforms us.

So let us join our voices and our lives in magnifying God, our Savior!

We come to wait and to declare the coming of the Love that transforms us! Amen.

HYMN 

408. Gift of Love

HYMN 

3101. Love Lifted Me

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

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199. Luke 1:46b-55

DISCUSSION

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

RESPONSE 

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline Thine ear to us,

and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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.**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE 🎵🎵

Go Now In Peace

Week 52 Reading Plan:

Mon	2 Peter 1-3 Jude	Fri	Revelation 6-11
Tue	1 John 1-5		
Wed	2 John 3 John	Sat	Revelation 12-16
		Sun	Revelation 17-22
Thu	Revelation 1-5		

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