



OVERLAND PARK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Advent



How does a
weary world
rejoice? *We sing stories
of hope*

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Gathering in the Light

Prelude to Worship

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. Kevin Olson

Julie Dean, piano

*Invitation to Worship

Theresa Krebs

one: How does a weary world rejoice?

*all: **We sing songs of hope.***

one: We allow hope to change us, to strengthen us.

*all: **We tell the stories of what could be.***

one: We listen for God's word.

*all: **We resist the temptation to give up or give in.***

one: We remember Mary's song.

*all: **We gather for worship.***

one: We hope.

*all: **Against all odds, we hope.***

one: Friends, this is the day that the Lord is still making.

*all: **Let us worship holy God.***

*Opening Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Chalice Hymnal #164

Invocation

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Advent Candle Lighting

one: How does a weary world practice love?

*all: **By sending cards, and picking up the phone.***

one: By practicing empathy, and assuming the best in others.

*all: **By learning people's stories and finding common ground.***

one: By advocating for justice, and saving a place at the table.

*all: **There are a million ways to practice love.***

one: So today we light the candle of love as a reminder and a charge.

*all: **With God's help, we bring love into a weary world.***

"One Candle Is Lit"

Chalice Hymnal #128; v 4

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination	"Be Still"	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Worship & Wonder Scripture	"Mary Sings"	Judy Nickum
a Worship & Wonder story, based on Luke 1:46-55, created and adapted by Judy Nickum <i>told in the Children Worship & Wonder room</i>		
Scripture	Luke 1:46-55 (Common English Bible)	Theresa Krebs
Scripture	Luke 1:67-80 (Common English Bible)	Emerson Hartzler
Sermon	"A Weary World Rejoices When We Sing Stories of Hope" Rev. Laura Ann Phillips	
Special Music	"Carol of the Angels" by Allen Pote	Chalice Chancel Choir

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People	Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Our Lord's Prayer	

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Response in Song	"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
Invitation to Stewardship	Jane Fletcher
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*Doxology	"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"	Chalice Hymnal #134
Prayer of Dedication		
Invitation to Communion		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Communion Prayer		
Words of Institution		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Communion Response	"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"	Chalice Hymnal #124; vv 1&2

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship		Jane Fletcher
*Closing Hymn	"Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming"	Chalice Hymnal #136
*Blessing and Benediction		Rev. Laura Ann Phillips
Postlude	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. Melody Bober	Julie Dean, piano

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