

Joy

I BRING YOU
GOOD TIDINGS
OF
GREAT JOY

LUKE 2:10



East Valley Reformed Church

Pastor Bill Van Herk

Fourth Sunday in Advent December 23, 2018

To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us for this celebration of worship!
It is our hope that you find the service uplifting and that you will come again. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Our Mission Statement

"Helping each other follow Jesus Christ."

Our Vision Statement

"To be people who delight in worshipping Jesus, seek to know him more and are being shaped by God to be a redemptive presence in our community through proclaiming the gospel, feeding the hungry and nurturing one another in love."

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The Approach to God

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Prepare for Worship

Votum

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn #145 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Pardon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader 1: We've gathered here on this Advent Sunday to draw near to you, God. Our hearts long to be close to you. Help us this season to open our hearts so that you may draw near to us. Open our eyes to the true light that came into the world as we wait to receive it again. Open our ears to the truth of your Word.

Reader 2: Hear the Word from the prophet Isaiah: "Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy and spreads them out like a tent to live in".

Reader 1: "He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, then he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff."

Reader 2: "'To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?' Says the Holy one. Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?"

He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing."

Reader 1: We waver, God. We can be so fickle and feeble. We need your mighty strength. We need the light of Christ to reveal your steadfast presence. (Light 4 candles)

Reader 2 "In Jesus Christ you are forgiven."

Special Music

The Word of God

Prayer of illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:2-5 Jim Adams

*Songs of Praise (*Prayer Requests collected during songs*)
(Children age 4-12 can go to Kidz Church)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:39-55

Message: "Leap for Joy"

The Prayer of Application

The Response to God

Song of Response

The Prayers of the People

The Gifts of God's People

*Doxology

*Offering Prayer

*Closing Hymn #160 "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Song of Departure

Postlude

***Please stand if able**