



ADVENT 4 | DECEMBER 22, 2024

HOPE IS WORTH THE RISK



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PRELUDE

Comfort Ye My People

Paul Manz
Eileen Miller, Organist

WELCOME

Sharon Fields, Associate Minister of Executive Operations

* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Elaine Faust and Harper Freund

In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?
Where do we start?

Let us begin with tenderness.
Let us begin with our hearts on our sleeve.
Let us begin from a place of vulnerability and hope.
Let us begin with love.

Yes, let us start with love.
Today we light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

May the warmth of these lights be our cornerstone.
May the truth in these lights help us begin again.

May it be so! Amen.

* HYMN 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. David Kozisek, Director of Music & Worship

The Peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**
Share the peace with your neighbors by greeting in the way most comfortable for you.

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Rev. Heather Grantham

We invite children to come up to the chancel steps for a special message. After the message, children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Worship materials are available in the front of the sanctuary in the Kid's Corner. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic Room.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Little Drummer Boy

arr. Daniel Hermany
*Handbell Choir***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our God, 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.

SONG

Glad to Be Alive

Blue Rodeo
*House Band***SCRIPTURE READING***Andrew Faust*

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.**REFLECTION**

Hope is Worth the Risk

*Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard***ANTHEM**

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

John Gardner
Chancel Choir

1. Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play
To call my true love to my dance:

Refrain:

Sing O my love,
O my my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.

2. Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance: *(refrain)*

3. In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance: *(refrain)*

4. Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance: *(refrain)*

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS*** HYMN 242**

Love Came Down at Christmas

*** SENDING FORTH****POSTLUDE**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Paul Manz

*You are welcome to remain seated or to depart during the postlude.
Please join us after worship downstairs in the community room for coffee & refreshments.*

JOIN US DECEMBER 24 FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:**5:00pm | Candlelight & Carols****10:00pm | Candlelight & Communion**

Pre-service concert music 20 minutes before worship.
Livestream available for 5pm at hamlinechurch.org/live-stream

THIS WEEK AT HAMLIN CHURCH

SUN 10:00AM | WORSHIP

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR

TUES 5:00PM | CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT & CAROLS

10:00PM | CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

WED CHRISTMAS DAY

CENTERING PRAYER (via text)
Contact Julie Dahlke at jlddvm@usfamily.net

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DEC 26 - JAN 1

NEXT 8:55AM | CENTERING PRAYER (chapel)

SUN 9:15AM | CENTERING PRAYER (via text)

10:00AM | WORSHIP

11:00AM | COFFEE HOUR



Advent marks both endings and beginnings, symbolizing the close of the calendar year and the start of a new church year, while Christ's birth heralds new ways of living amidst a world in constant motion. This Advent series offers blessings and reminders rooted in fundamental faith truths, guiding us through a sacred new chapter and emphasizing that love is always the foundation for new beginnings.

December 24 | Christmas Eve Services:
5:00pm & 10:00pm
Arrive 20 minutes early for pre-service concert music before each service.

Winter Retreat at Northern Pines

January 17-20, 2025

Families of all shapes and sizes, join us at Northern Pines Camp in Park Rapids, MN in January! This weekend is a special way for families to connect with outdoor winter fun and cozy indoor activities. Cost is \$47/person with a \$130 family max, children 3 and under are free. Scholarships are available, contact Heather with questions. Register here: bit.ly/WinterFamRetreat

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WELCOME TO HAMLIN

Welcome to Hamline Church! To those who are worshipping here for the first time, or who have returned after an absence, we greet you with joy. Your presence enriches this time of celebration. May all experience God as we worship.



KIDS TODAY

We invite children to stay in worship. Childcare is available for 5 and under in the Frolic room.

Are children welcome here?

Yes! Children are always welcome in worship. Coloring and reading supplies are available near the Commons doors, and in the narthex. We have a quieter space available to all in the chapel off the narthex.

Where is the nursery?

Children 5 and under are welcome in the nursery, located in Room 8 in the upstairs Sunday school hallway. Our service is streamed in the nursery, if you would like to join your child. Nursing spaces include: the rocking chairs in the sanctuary, in the Frolic room (8), or in the chapel off the narthex.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY...

When do I stand?

* Please stand if you are able for titles marked with a star *

When do I speak?

Words in "Bold" print are for everyone.

Where is this hymn?

Hymns with 2 or 3 numbers are in the hard cover UMC hymnal. Hymns with 4 numbers are in the soft-cover *The Faith We Sing* hymnal.

Where is the restroom?

There are restrooms just through the commons at the top of the stairs. There are more restrooms downstairs below the front doors.

A quiet low sensory space is available to all in the chapel off the narthex.



Assistive listening devices are available for use, or you can connect through wifi and use your own hearing aid or headset. Please see a greeter if you need assistance.

WAYS TO GIVE

Your offering helps support the mission and ministry of Hamline Church. There are many ways to make your contribution:

- Place offerings in the boxes after worship.
- Online giving: QR code or hamlinechurch.org/give
- Checks can be mailed to the church.
- Text to Give: Text HamlineChurch1514G\$100 to 73256.

Give in any increment you choose by entering the amount after the \$.

Thank you for your generosity!

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