

**Hymn #197** Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

**Prayer of Worship**

**~God Renews Us in Christ~**

**We Corporately Confess Our Sin and Need**

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our lives, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

**We Silently Confess Our Sins and Need**

**The Assurance of Pardoning Grace** John 1:1-14

**Song** Christ Our Hope In Life and Death (CCLI#251645)

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

**Refrain:**

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever, we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? **Refrain**

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore. **Refrain-2X**

Now and ever, we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

**Presentation of New Member** Joan Winger

**~God Instructs Us with His Word~**

**We Listen to God** John 1:1-14

**Sermon** Christmas in Isaiah—Behold Your God

**Hymn #200** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

~God Receives Our Offerings and Requests~

**We Worship God with Our Tithes and Offerings**

**We Bring Our Requests to God in Prayer**

**Doxology #730**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

~God Blesses and Sends Us Out~

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Postlude**



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## **Fourth Sunday of Advent Service of Worship**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

~God Calls Us to Worship Him~

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:1-5

**Pastor**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

**Congregation**

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Pastor**

"Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**Congregation**

"And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

**All**

Amen! Let us worship God.