

**First Church in Pembroke
Sunday Worship Service
December 22, 2024, 10:00 AM**

The 4th Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

“Thy Will Be Done”

By: Pastor Joy Matos

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION: (Psalms 42:1-2, NLT)

¹ As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. ² I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The candle of “Love” will be lit by Eamon & Kathi Fee & Roger Means

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

P: We will exalt you, my God, the King.

C: We will meditate on your wonderful works.

P: We will proclaim your great deeds.

C: We will celebrate your abundant goodness and righteousness.

ALL: And praise your holy name!

OPENING HYMN: #141 (RED HYMNAL) The First Nowell

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (All, please speak slowly)

Heavenly Father, as you have shown us in the giving of your Son, Jesus, you are faithful to all your promises and loving toward all you have made. To all who receive Jesus, to those who believe in his name, you give the right to become your children. We are your children. Fill this place with your presence, O Lord. We want to worship you and to hear you speak to us. Help us to set aside the cares of this world and to bask in your glorious presence that we, your children, may bear your reflection in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

CALL TO PRAISE (Congregation in BOLD)

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI (Sung in Unison)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,

And to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SPECIAL: “O Holy Night” (Divine Dance Team)

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26 – 30

SERMON: “Thy Will Be Done” (Pastor Joy Matos)

HYMN: #125 (RED HYMNAL) Good Christian Men, Rejoice

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

OUR CHOIR WILL SING

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

DOXOLOGY: #515 (Red Hymnal)

“Praise God Whom Blessing Flow” Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Pastor)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Pastor)

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (All, please speak slowly)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for the Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: (Musical Interlude)

CLOSING HYMN: #145 (BLACK HYMNAL) Once in Royal David’s City

BENEDICTION: (In Unison & Hold Hands)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen.

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)