**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 18, 2022**

**PRELUDE** Noël Xd’Aquin (1694-1772)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE** Micah 5:2-5

**ADVENT LITANY** Jim & Mikie Leech

Leader: The peace of the Lord, which passes all understanding, be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**INTROIT** *Once in Royal David’s City* Irby

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# MORNING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN** 144 *In the Bleak Midwinter* Cranham

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, we are taught to be patient, secure in your promise to supply our needs. But we confess we are weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on each other, withholding the tolerance and care You have shown to us. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin.  Empower us to stand firm; teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 80:1-7 p. 470

**ANTHEM** *I Wonder as I Wander*  Appalachian Carol

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Romans 1:1-7 p.913

**SERMON** *The Gift…* Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** 129 *Lo, How a Rose e’er Blooming* Est ist ein’ Ros’

(stanzas 1 and 2)

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Noël VIII *Étranger* d’Aquin

\***Please stand if able**

**Today’s link is :** <https://youtu.be/cBUf7SOvc4o>

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

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The Legacy: Mary June Cook

UVA: Beth Crickenberger

The Colonnades: Bird Heuchert

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab,

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Walt Flora,

Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley.

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew, Jean Custen,

Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton),

Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes),

Paul Watts (Colleen Cash).

Military: Carson Craig

Saturday 7pm

