



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN  
An Open & Affirming Church  
of The United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love  
December 22, 2019

**WAITING  
FOR THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

SINGING WHILE WAITING

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

Red Hymnal 92

Trio plays, then congregation sings, each verse.

REFLECTING WHILE WAITING

We proclaim, God loves you!

*But do we just as loudly proclaim, we love you?*

We proclaim, God will help you!

*But do we just as loudly proclaim, we will help you?*

We proclaim, God demands justice!

*But do we just as loudly proclaim, we demand justice?*

We proclaim, in Christ, God is with us!

*But do we just as loudly proclaim, in Christ, we are with you?*

LISTENING WHILE REFLECTING

Trio Improvisation on *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

PREPARING FOR THE LIGHT

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* Red Hymnal 85 vs. 1 - 4

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE

SINGING TOGETHER *O Prince of Peace* Red Hymnal 103

**READING AND REFLECTING**

READING FROM THE BIBLE Jeremiah 31: 31-34 & Luke 1: 67-79

REFLECTING

## SHARING AND PRAYING

REFLECTING IN SILENCE AND STILLNESS

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THE WORLD

PRAYING AS CHRIST PRAYED                      debts and debtors

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR'S GIFT    *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

## OFFERING AND PRAISING

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio    *Wexford Carol*

\*PRAISING GOD

Tune: *Old Hundredth*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit one.

\*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

\*SINGING TOGETHER    *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Red Hymnal 107

\*DEPARTING WITH SONG    *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Red Hymnal 752

Once in unison, once as a round

PARTING MUSIC    *People, Look East*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, Dec 25, 12 pm: Christmas Open Door Dinner (please sign up to bring food or help out).

Sunday, Jan 12, after worship: Congregational Meeting hosed by Vision Task Force 4.

Sunday, Jan 26, after worship: Congregational Church of Austin, UCC Annual Meeting.

Friday - Sunday, Feb 7-9: John Pavlovitz, Central Presbyterian Church (see the flyer and e-news).

*"I have loved you  
with an everlasting love."*