

Yes! Let It Be

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

**PRELUDE** Micah Yoder, Karin R. Edwards

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*  
*What Child is This?*  
*Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming*

**GATHERING**

Lighting the Advent Candles

Call to Worship Hillary Watson

Leader: Yes! The invitation to carry Light  
comes to each of us,  
whether we are willing or reluctant.

**All: O God, you choose to dwell in us.**  
**You promise to move with our restlessness**  
**until we find our rest in you.**

Leader: Your call is risky;  
saying yes takes our breath away.  
We are uncertain where you lead.

**All: Yet we know your faithfulness**  
**and steadfast love endure forever.**

Leader: Yes! Let it be.

**All: We know that it is.**

Leader: Yes! Let it be.

**All: Yes! Let it be now.**

Opening Prayer

**PRAISING**

*The Angel Gabriel*  
*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*  
*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

Karin Edwards, Songleader  
Blue #180  
Blue #190  
Blue #192

Offering Karin Redekopp Edwards, Joe Hayward  
*Masters in This Hall* (French carol)

Children's Time Evan Richards

**HEARING THE WORD**

Scripture Reading Adrien Hayward

Leader: Hear the Word of the Lord.

**People: Our ears are open.**

2 Samuel 7: 1-6 (p. 245); Psalm 89: 1-4 (p. 475)  
Luke 1: 26-38 (p. 831)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Don Rheinheimer

"A Twisted Tale"

Music for Meditation Karin Redekopp Edwards, Joe Hayward  
*Coventry Carol; Patapan* (Burgundian carol)

Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance

**SHARING IN COMMUNITY**

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Congregational Announcements

**SENDING**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Blue #178  
Benediction

This Week's Activities

**Today** Nursery: Doug Kimball, Valerie Kropf 10:00 AM  
Christmas Eve Service 6:30 PM

## Announcements

- Please join us for a **Christmas Eve service this evening** at 6:30 PM. This service of song and Scripture will be followed by a dessert reception. We encourage you to bring a dessert to share; finger food desserts—such as cookies, bars, or fruit—are preferred. As in past years, children are invited to come in their pajamas.
- There will not be any **Sunday school classes** today or next Sunday (Dec 31. Enjoy the holiday break!
- Next Sunday is the last week of our **Advent giving project**. We invite you to bring canned meats (e.g. chicken, ham), chili, stew, tuna fish, peanut butter, and hearty soups. Thank you for your generous support of this project for the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.
- The **Justice Group** will be receiving special recognition from Immigrant Solidarity DuPage for our work with them in 2017 at ISD's annual Three King's Day Celebration on January 6, 2018. Thanks to all who supported ISD in its work. Special thanks to Jill B. T., who organized a benefit concert for ISD this fall and who helped with a candidates' forum, held at LMC in November.  
—Carlen Sellers
- Be sure to stop by your mailboxes to pick up your copy of the **2018 church directory**.
- The Pastoral Care Team would like to organize a **Marriage Enrichment Retreat**. The event would take place at LMC on a Friday evening and Saturday in April (either April 13-14 or April 20-21). The retreat would feature a speaker and would culminate with a catered dinner on Saturday evening. Childcare would be provided Friday evening at the church and supplemental funds would be available for at-home childcare on Saturday for those who need assistance. Send an email or talk to Jan R., Laura L. or Wanda B. if you have questions or are interested in participating. If there is sufficient interest, we will plan the retreat. Thank you for your help.
- A **reminder for year-end giving**: checks must be delivered in person or postmarked to the church office by December 31 to count as 2017 donations.