

December 19, 2021

4th Sunday of Advent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: Julie Helmers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Julie Helmers

Prelude

Pastorale Arcangelo Corelli
from the "Christmas Concerto"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The time draws near. The world has turned towards
Bethlehem once more.

People: We wait expectantly and hopefully.

Leader: It is a day for singing and praying and loving one
another.

**People: It is a day for accessing our lives and preparing our
hearts.**

Leader: May the God who came to save be glorified and
honored.

**People: We will magnify His name and sing of His self
sacrificing love.**

Leader: The Word became flesh. He bore our sins on a tree.

**People: He was raised in glory and power. All authority in
Heaven and on earth has been given to Him.**

All: Let us rejoice in God our Savior.

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 611**

*Joyful, Joyful
We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

**We praise you, O God, for life and love and joy. We praise
you for the sights and sounds of the season; for your holy
presence which settles on us as we gather in your name.
Grant that we may now surrender all our cares and
anxieties and be gathered up in the hope and comfort of
your Holy Spirit. Gift of God, Light of the world, come!
Abide in us as we worship you. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT CAROL vs. 4

Light the Advent candle, four: Think of joy forever more.
Christ child in a stable born, gift of love that Christmas morn.
Candle, candle, burning bright; shining in the cold winter's night.
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas Light.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Janet and Chip Prevatt

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

A LITANY OF JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND FAITH

Leader: Jesus, who is he?

**All: He is the Prince of peace who calms our fears.
He is Our Mighty God who guards our souls.
He is our Good Shepherd who leads us to green pasture's.
He is our Great high Priest who intercedes for us and
prays for us.
He is our King of Kings who governs us righteously and
justly.
He is our Great Prophet who speaks truth to us.
He is the Bread of life who nourishes us from above.
He is the Rock when we are uncertain.
He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah when we feel afraid.
He is the Bright and Morning Star when we are in despair.
He is God's Beloved Son who came to save.
He is God's Sacrificial Lamb who was slain so that we
might live.
He is the Light of the world who shows us the way.
He is the Door to freedom when we are held captive by
sin.
He is the Resurrection and the Life and because He lives,
we who believe in him shall also live.
Jesus, King of Glory . . . Lord of Life!
To Him alone belongs the name that is above all names.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Julie Helmers

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 11:1-11, 16

ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Benjamin Harlan

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming, form tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came a flower bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half-gone was the night.

This flower whose fragrance tender, with sweetness fills the air.
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us,
and lightens every load.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

"The Angel's Message" Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*** A Christmas Affirmation**

by Nathan Nettleton
Laughingbird.net

Unison:

**We believe in God, the Creator and Giver of Life, who brought
all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us, protecting,
nurturing, and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby,
embodying both love and the need for love, and calling us to rest
in God as trustingly as a tiny baby.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth,
always drawing us on to be born again; encouraging, exhorting,
comforting, nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.**

**We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God, through
Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death, Christ entered our
fearful darkness so that we might enter His glorious light and
share the life of His resurrection.**

And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God, a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace and celebrate living together.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. T. Berdos
Polish Carol

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all; Christ the babe is Lord of all!

* THE DOXOLOGY

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dr. Dawson Harmon

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*CLOSING HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory* GOD BE GLORY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Dawson Harmon

* Postlude *The Sussex Carol* arr. David Paxton
Traditional English Melody

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	Margaret Linville	Wayne Thomas
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Edward Giddens
Vernon Clark	Laura Reichert	Jon Scholl
Carol Brown	Kay Prevatt	Vicki Cunningham
Jerry Camp		

for our extended family . . .

Mary Hammett	Debra Jackson	Cheryl Kelley
Julie Hough	Uwe Bach	Ed Vermeulen
David Ross	Charles Taylor	Robert Wilkerson
Lisa Kraye Smith	Joyce Williams	Stephen Hogger
Sonia Burrage	Shelley Hiatt	Heather Hawkins
Jill Meo	Cecile Floyd	Gary Mercer
Greg Mercer	Eleanor Garner	Julie Hough
Louis Scholl		

grieving the loss of loved ones . . .

the family of Ethel Morris-Caffee
the family of Janice Scholl

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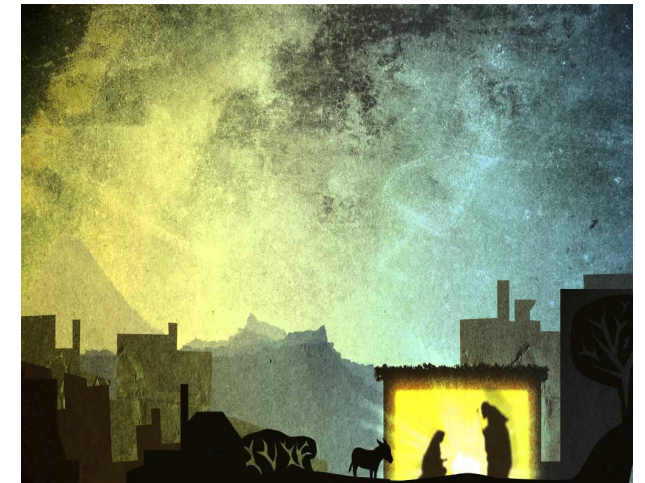
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