

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019 11:00 AM

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" L. Smith
Sharon Curnutte

*INTROIT "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (see insert)

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

In the dark of night an angel appeared to Joseph, saying . . .

Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.

She will bear a son, and you are to name him **Jesus**,

for he will save his people from their sins.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN NO. 88 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *See insert*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Come now, Reconciler of the nations,
for our world, our lives, need your peace more than ever before.**

**Come, Caller to discipleship,
for we long to let go of our self-interest and narcissism.**

**Come, Word Gifter,
for we hunger to hear your voice once again, ever always.**

**Come, Servant of the poor,
so we notice you in all those we push past in this hectic season.**

**Come, Silence of our nights and Holiness of our hearts, and forgive us for
turning your compassion into commercials, your joy into jingles, your hope
into hollow words, your love into lust for the short-lasting offerings of the
world. May we find our way to the One promised to a man struggling to be
righteous – Jesus, the Child of wonder and life. (silent prayers of confession)**

And all God's people say, **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*SHARING THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen. Amen. Amen**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Advent is a season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

*Worshipers may stand as able.

Leader: Plain text
People: Bold text

The text of the prelude carol can be found at No. 129

The confession is based on a prayer by Thom Shuman.

We pour water into the Baptismal bowl as a reminder that we are washed clean of all our sins.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let the Christ Child In"

Althouse/Albrecht

Do not be afraid, for God will send forth a son. A tiny child will come to comfort and love ev'ryone. A virgin will give birth; God's son will come to earth. So, open up your heart: Let the Christ child in. Do not be afraid, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Turn from your sin; make room for the one who is adored. The angels sing with joy to greet the baby boy. So, open up your heart: Let the Christ child in. Those who are walking in darkness will see a wondrous light. For unto us a child will come, a Prince of Peace and Might. Let the Christ child In.

GATHERING

"Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Amy Parker

SONG OF PREPARATION

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me,
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-24

SERMON "What to do about Mary?" Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith

**We affirm that Jesus was born of woman
as is every child,
yet born of God's power
as was no other child.**

**The coming of Jesus was itself
the coming of God's promised rule.
Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection,
He brings about the relationship between God and humanity
that God always intended.**

*HYMN NO. 107 "Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn" *REJOICE, REJOICE*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Of the Father's Love Begotten" L. Smith

*DOXOLOGY **In the Bleak Midwinter No. 144, v. 4**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: Give my heart**

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" *VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

*BENEDICTION

The Song of Preparation is verse 1 of # 451 in the Glory to God hymnal.

'A Declaration of Faith' was adopted as "a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration ..." by the General Assembly in 1985.

The text of the offertory carol can be found at No. 108

We conclude worship with the Postlude. Those who leave during the postlude are requested to do so quietly and respectfully.



If you would like to give flowers to celebrate a special day or person, please contact Leslie Bremar.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments, after worship.



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*RESPONSE: "Lift Up Your Heads. Ye Mighty Gates" No. 93, v. 1

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.**

*POSTLUDE "Canticle of Joy" J. Bach

GREETERS: *Greeters before Worship:* Peggy Johnston and Allan Johnston *Greeters after Worship:* Kathy Kruk and Barbara Tabaretti

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *organist*; Jeanne MacDonald, Bailey and Maddy Smith, *candle lighter*

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Sheila Danzer and Sarah Gottlieb

FLOWERS: Flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God!

THIS SUNDAY, December 8, 2019


- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship
- + 12:00 PM – Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Stewardship Committee)
- + 12:30 PM – Examination of new elders

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, December 9, 9:30 AM – Bridge; 5 PM – Tai Chi; 7 PM – Advent Study
- + Tuesday, December 10, 6 PM – Stewardship Com; 7 PM – Choir
- + Wednesday, December 11, 11 AM – Bridge; 6:15 PM Men's Dinner; 7 PM Session Meeting
- + Thursday, December 12, Noon – PW Christmas Luncheon & Concert
- + Friday, December 13, 7 PM – NA Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- + 11:00 AM – Worship – Lessons and Carols – Invite A Friend Sunday
- + 12:00 PM – Carry-In Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall (Provided by the Fellowship Committee)

 **Those having a birthday this week:** Joanie Panger (11th), Jessica Gentry (13th), Teresa Lawlor (14th), Gerald Nottingham (15th), Joan Mansell (15th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Velve Vanater, Peggy Palmer; Jeanne MacDonald; Terri Rader, Beth Chiparo; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Jimmy Clark; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Leon and Sandy Copeland; Sandy Singleton; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Sherry Russell, Martha Foster

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students

Military Service: Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: Philip Nganatha Memorial Church

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Joseph's Dream by Ian Bode

We believe children learn to worship by being in worship, so childcare for children (infant to kindergarten) begins after the Time for Children. The adult attendants will lead children out of the sanctuary to their room in the basement of the Education wing.

Worship bags for all children are available in the Narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).

Our sanctuary is equipped with hearing assist devices. Please see one of the ushers to borrow one during the service.

This Sunday's bulletin is printed on paper that contains at least 10% recycled fiber. A receptacle for recycling paper is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

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