

~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 AM

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! If you are a guest with us, please sign our Welcome pads when they are passed at the start of the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4-5 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon.

Prelude

***Song of Assembly - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings**

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father, This blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Worshipping God Most High.

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Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

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[Written and arranged by Brian Scott Bennett, 2004]

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - based on Luke 1:46-50

Pastor: Our souls magnify the Lord!
Congregation: *Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!*
Pastor: The Mighty One has done great things for us!
Congregation: *Holy is God's name!*
Pastor: Let us worship God.
Congregation: *For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.*

Invocation

***Christmas Carol - O Come All Ye Faithful #208**

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Jimmy, Patience, and Evie Latta
Matthew 2:1-12
"The Visit of the Wise Men"

***Christmas Carol - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #216**

Confession of Sin - Lord Christ,
we confess our willingness to be loved
but also our reluctance to love others as we should.
We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love
but our refusal to forgive others as we should.
We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow You without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You
with joy, as the shepherds;
with submission, as the wise men;
with gratitude, as Simeon and Anna;
with obedience, as Joseph and Mary;
with love, as You have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Jeremiah 33:14-16

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

***Christmas Carol - I Wonder As I Wander (#183)**

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ord'ners people like you and like I —
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cows' stall,
With wise men and famers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
And the promise of ages It then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
He surely could have had it, 'Cause He was the King!

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die.
For poor, ord'ners people like you and like I —
I wonder as I wander, Out under the sky.
(Appalachian Folksong/carol, collected and adapted by John Jacob Niles, 1934)

Sacrament of Baptism - Zannah Vallie Zettler

[Children age 4-5 may be dismissed for Children's Worship]

Ministry of Prayer - RE Billy Ainsworth

Worshipping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Special Music - O Holy Night by Amy Lewis

Ministry of the Word - Christmas Series: *He Took on Flesh:*

"Christ, the Fullness of God"

Colossians 1:15-20

Rev. Jackie D. Gaston

Hymn of Response - The First Noel (#179)

The first noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay — In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold
winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and
night.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star, Three wise men came from country
far; To seek for a king was their intent, And to follow the star wher-
ever it went.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest, Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus
lay.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in His presence, Their gold and myrrh and frankin-
cense.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood man-
kind hath bought.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

***Benediction**

Postlude

* those who are able, please stand.

+If you would like to speak with someone about how to receive Jesus Christ
as your Lord and Savior, please see the pastor or elders after the service.

+All musical lyrics used by permission, CCLI #2815163

~Evening Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship - John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Who-
ever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of
life."

Invocation

***Ministry of Music**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice #207
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #200
Hark, the Herald Angels Sing #203

Ministry of Prayer

Ministry of the Word - *Christ Before Christmas:*

"Before Abraham Was, I AM"

Exodus 3:1-22

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #196**

***Benediction**

Postlude



Our Mission:

To MAKE and MATURE disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Vision:

To see disciples of Christ GATHER to the ministries of the Church
to grow in God's grace and SCATTER into their world for minis-
try and service.

Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Evening Worship - 6:00 PM

Staff:

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