

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Carol Prelude

Orchestra

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

Dennis Lesher

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you
to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers; the night is far gone,
the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armor of light. Come, let us worship God.

 **Invocation**

Dennis Lesher

Covenant God,
you heard your people yearning for a Savior.
Thank you for sending your Son so long ago.
We now rehearse your promise
that Christ will come again,
that death and suffering will end
and every tear will be wiped away.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
As you fulfilled Israel's hopes long ago,
so we long for all these promises to be fulfilled. **Amen.**

Cantata

*Come Ye Faithful; A Service of Carols
By Hal H. Hopson*

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation

Verse 1 – Choir and Congregation

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Verse 2 – Choir only

Verse 3 – Choir and Congregation

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

Verse 4 – Choir and Congregation

*Sing, choirs of angels. Sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

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Lighting of the Advent Candles (Responsively)

Bill & Bonnie Mecaughey

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

—*from Isaiah 2:4, NRSV*

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

—*Isaiah 11:6, NRSV*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

—*Isaiah 35:1-2, NRSV*

The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child
and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel ("God is with us").

—*from Isaiah 7:14, NRSV*

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

 **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said:
"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offering

Offertory *What Child is This*
Thomas Alberici, Bob Carpeny, Pamela Johnson

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

Lift up your hearts in prayer:
lift up your voices in praise.
Let your eyes rise in expectation
and your hands in exultation,
for the Lord has drawn near
and dwells among us.
We lift them up. Amen.

Scripture Reading *Matthew 1:1-17*

1 An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
From Abraham to David

2 Abraham fathered^(a) Isaac,

Isaac fathered Jacob,

Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers,

3 Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar,

Perez fathered Hezron,

Hezron fathered Aram,

4 Aram fathered Amminadab,

Amminadab fathered Nahshon,

Nahshon fathered Salmon,

5 Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab,

Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth,
Obed fathered Jesse,
⁶ and Jesse fathered King David.

From David to the Babylonian Exile

David fathered Solomon^[a] by Uriah's wife,
⁷ Solomon fathered Rehoboam,
Rehoboam fathered Abijah,
Abijah fathered Asa,^[a]
⁸ Asa^[a] fathered Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat fathered Joram,^[a]
Joram fathered Uzziah,
⁹ Uzziah fathered Jotham,
Jotham fathered Ahaz,
Ahaz fathered Hezekiah,
¹⁰ Hezekiah fathered Manasseh,
Manasseh fathered Amon,^[a]
Amon fathered Josiah,
¹¹ and Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers
at the time of the exile to Babylon.

From the Exile to the Messiah

¹² After the exile to Babylon
Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel,
Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel,
¹³ Zerubbabel fathered Abiud,
Abiud fathered Eliakim,
Eliakim fathered Azor,
¹⁴ Azor fathered Zadok,
Zadok fathered Achim,
Achim fathered Eliud,
¹⁵ Eliud fathered Eleazar,
Eleazar fathered Matthan,
Matthan fathered Jacob,
¹⁶ and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary,
who gave birth to Jesus who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations; and from David until the exile to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon until the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Cantata

**Choir and Orchestra
On Jordon's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Canticle of the Turning - Soloists: Kristen Loughlin & Kelly Fox
Shepherds, Shake Of Your Drowsy Sleep**

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Verse 1 – Choir and Congregation

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Verse 2 – Choir

Verse 3 – Choir and Congregation

*Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

The Friendly Beasts - Youth Choir

We Three Kings

Verse 1 - Choir Men

Refrain: Congregation

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Verse 2 - 4 - Choir Men

Verse 5 - Choir

Refrain: Congregation

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Hymn *Silent Night*

Verse 1 – Choir and Congregation

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

Verse 2 – Soloist, Kelly Fox

Verse 3 – Choir

Verse 4 – Choir and Congregation

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light:
With the angels let us sing. Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

Benediction

*This morning's prayer partners are
Barb Finch & Dan Obenschain*

 **Postlude**

Carol Postlude

Orchestra