

December 13, 2020

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*



**Offering** Please put tithe in lock box at the back of sanctuary before the service begins.

**Prelude** *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*

arr. Custer

### Welcome and Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 39:4-5

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

No. 218

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.

**Refrain:** Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light: **Refrain**

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star. **Refrain**

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear. **Refrain**

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One. **Refrain**

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: JOY**

**Scripture Reading**

**Luke 2:1-7**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, have mercy upon us for we have sinned against you. Our hearts have grown cold with the sin that still abides within each one of us. Try as we may, no human effort is able to save us from our sin. We confess that we need your Holy Spirit to warm our hearts, to show us our sin, and to work repentance in our hearts and minds. And by your grace, enable us to die more and more to our sin and to live more and more for you. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 39:12-13

<sup>12</sup>“Hear my prayer, O LORD, listen to my cry for help; be not deaf to my weeping. For I dwell with you like an alien, a stranger, as all my fathers were.”<sup>13</sup> Look away from me, that I may rejoice again before I depart and I am no more.”

## **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

No. 195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

## Westminster Shorter Catechism 102-103

Q. 102 What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. **In the second petition, which is, Thy kingdom come, we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.**

Q. 103 What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. **In the third petition, which is, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven, we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.**

### Prayer of Intercession

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

No. 203

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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

## Outline

1. What God Did
2. How David Responds
3. How We Are to Respond

## Questions:

1. What role(s) does David play in the coming of Jesus?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is a King and not a President? What are the differences between these two offices? In what ways do we sometimes read our own political moment or understanding of politics into the Bible?
3. Have you ever been disappointed with God's will in your life? How do we respond to these disappointments? How does the Bible instruct us to respond?

**\*Hymn of Response***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

No. 252

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**\*Postlude**

*Good Christian Men Rejoice*

arr. MacDonald

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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**Keyboard**

Sandy Schoon

**Bassoon**

Ana Severson

**Violin**

Chris Erickson

**Tenor Sax**

Leam Armstrong

**French Horn**

Becky Schoon

**Intercessory Prayer**

Nelson Schoon

**Weekly Calendar**

**DATE**

**TIME**

**EVENT**

**SUN 12/13**

9:00 AM

**Opening Exercises**

9:15 AM

**Sunday School**

10:30 AM

**Worship Service – Third Sunday of Advent**

(available YouTube & Facebook)

**MON 12/14**

6:30PM

**Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group (Zoom)**

**TUE 12/15**

1:00 PM

**Senior Care Group (Masks & Social Distancing**

Observed)

**SUN 12/20**

9:00 AM

**Opening Exercises**

9:15 AM

**Sunday School**

10:30 AM

**Worship Service- Fourth Sunday of Advent**

(available YouTube & Facebook)

## Serving the Lord

	12/13	12/20	12/24	12/27
AM Nursery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greeters	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon
Elder of the Week	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger	Nelson
Advent Reader	Craig & Deanna	Jason & Val	Gretzinger	N/A

## Announcements

- **Advent Season:** Keep an eye on the Christmas Calendar for upcoming events. We still need a volunteer (single, couple, or family) to read the advent wreath prayer and verse for Christmas Eve. If you feel led to serve in that way, please contact Andrew or Cassy.
- **Cancelled event:** Due to covid we decided to keep the skating event local. Unfortunately, the Central Park Plaza is booked through Dec. That means this year's youth skating event is cancelled until further notice.