

December 20, 2020 (Christmas Sunday)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One Candle is Lit vs 4 #128

Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Prepare the Way of the Lord!

People: Share the Good News of God's love.

Leader: Be the voice that cries out in the wilderness.

People: Go forth to share the love of God!

Leader: Sing of God's steadfast love forever.

People: Tell the Good News to all generations.

Leader: Share the story, again and again, of the Word becoming Flesh.

People: We are the story. We are the living story of God's love.

All: Let us sing and worship God who is doing a new thing, about to spring forth!

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray, saying...

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.

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem #144

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth.
Your voices raise to God in praise;
and peace to all on earth;

3 How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the joys of highest heaven.
No ear may hear Christ coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our God, Emmanuel.

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMUNION

CALL TO COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SPECIAL MUSIC What Child is This?

Vocals by Rick Campbell, Piano by Lisa Powell

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1: 26– 38

SERMON TITLE: God's Love Language

HYMN Silent Night, Holy Night 145

1 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright,
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night.
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born,
Christ, the Savior is born!

3 Silent night, holy night.
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace:
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

4 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

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