

# Worship Service ~ December 20, 2020

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is in honor of staff and volunteers  
from Sharon and Noel Messelt.

PRELUDE 9:00 Suite on Wake Awake by Wayne Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

LITANY FOR ADVENT

L: Come! Let us celebrate, for the Lord has heard our cries!

**C: Our Savior is coming; the Kingdom of God is at hand.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

OPENING SONG **WAITING**

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your light, Your truth.

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your will, your way.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.

God be with us. Emmanuel.

List'ning, We are list'ning, Lord. List'ning, we are list'ning, Lord.

Draw near, let us hear Your Word for us.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.

God be with us. Emmanuel.

Patience, give us patience, Lord. Patience, give us patience, Lord.

When we pray, give us faith That You hear ev'ry prayer.

As we're waiting...

We are waiting...waiting.

L: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

**C: May we always be ready to welcome him.**

L: Come, Lord Jesus, that the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

**C: Behold! Christ is the Prince of Peace.**

L: Come, Lord Jesus, that the light of Christ may penetrate the shadows of sin.

**C: Behold! Christ came as the Light of the World.**

L: Come, Lord Jesus, that this wreath may remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ. These candles have been lit as a symbol of Christ, our Savior, whom God has given to us in love.

**C: Behold! Christ is Emmanuel, God with us.**

**All: Lord God, pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER LAB MINUTE WITH DEACON NINA

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach; Lisa Funk, viola

R: A reading from Romans.

**Romans 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup>Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup>but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup>to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Annunciation and Magnificat" from *Holden Evening Prayer* Jolene Sunsten, Linda Burk, vocalists; Alan Ball, piano; Elena Getchell, flute

R: A Gospel reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Luke.

**Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

<sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     ***ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH***  
Bells of Faith; Dean Jensen, director

**MESSAGE**             Pastor John Klawiter

**MUSICAL OFFERING** “*Zion Hears*” from Bach Cantata #150  
Faith Online Choir; Kelsey Burk, oboe; Alan Ball, piano; Linda Burk, director

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**L:** We pray, **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**L:** Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**L:** May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**     ***GOD WITH US***     Worship Band

**DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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