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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

11:00 a.m.

*The congregation
is asked to
remain silent
during the prelude
as a time of
prayer and
meditation.*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Angel Songs"

arranged by Joel Raney

With

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle

Hope Chronis and Sam Rose

PRAISE the Light

(See insert)

Opening Sentences

Elder Sam Rose

Leader: God has done great things for us!

All: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

Leader: Holy is God's name!

All: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

All: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, your prophet Micah foretold with faith that a new ruler would come forth from Bethlehem. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise; your daughter Elizabeth proclaimed with faith that her cousin was to be the mother of her Lord. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise; your servant Mary proclaimed with faith that she would be called blessed by all generations. Today we celebrate the fulfillment of your promise. Make us bold enough to proclaim with faith the coming of your kingdom, the coming of your justice, the coming of your peace. May we sing out the good news of your salvation, trusting in the fulfillment of your promises. All this we pray in the name of the one who comes. Amen.

*Hymn #144

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

CRANHAM

*"My soul cries out
with a joyful shout
that the God of
my heart is great,
and my spirit
sings of the
wondrous things
that you bring
to the ones
who wait."
Hymn #100 in
Glory to God,
"Canticle of
the Turning"*

Today's Prayer
of Confession is
taken from The
Church on the
Hill in Flushing,
NY,
a congregation
of the Reformed
Church in
America.

"Though I am
small, my God,
my all, you work
great things in
me, and your
mercy will last
from the depths
of the past to the
end of the age to
come."

Hymn #100 in
Glory to God,
"Canticle of the
Turning"

"Though the
nations rage
from age to
age, we
remember who
holds us fast:
God's mercy
must deliver us
from the
conqueror's
crushing
grasp."

Hymn #100 in
Glory to God,
"Canticle of the
Turning"

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love, but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love, but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this time of Advent, forgive our failure to respond as we should. We pray that you come to us anew, and by your grace assist us to receive with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love as you have loved us. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear these words of comfort from the prophet Isaiah: "Surely God is our salvation; We will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is our strength and our might; God has become our salvation." Friends, God has become our salvation, indeed!

All: Let us open ourselves to the joy to be found in our forgiveness; never more are we to be held captive by that which seeks to tear us from God.

Leader: Hear the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Elder Sam Rose

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

Sermon

"What Do You Know This Christmas?"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer



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.

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“To the World, Joy!”

arranged by Joel Raney

Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith: *From “A Brief Statement of Faith” of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Hymn #119

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

*Benediction

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand.*

“This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.” Hymn #100 in Glory to God, “Canticle of the Turning”

“My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.”

Hymn #100 in Glory to God, “Canticle of the Turning”



The flowers this morning are given in memory of Andrea Casteen by her family. We wish to thank you for all your prayers, love, and support over this past year. Merry Christmas. Zach, Adlyn, and Clara along with the Casteen and Bentley families.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 19 Monday, December 20 Tuesday, December 21 Wednesday, December 22 Friday, December 24 Saturday, December 25	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:30 am Alternative Sunday School Class, in Person (Room 304) & Zoom 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 11:00 am Worship in person & live stream/ Christmas Joy Offering 7:00 pm Zoom Bible Study 7:00 pm Session meeting, Room 304 10:00 am Bible Study/in person (304) & via zoom 2:00 pm St. Nicholas Project Distribution, Fellowship Hall CHRISTMAS EVE Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday 7:00 pm Candlelight Communion Service MERRY CHRISTMAS!
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**Today,
December 19**

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Please join** the minister for a Bible Study on Monday night, December 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom or Wednesday, December 22 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in person (Room 304) or via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about Luke's Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20 as we prepare for our Christmas Eve worship service. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister. Please keep our session in your prayers as they lead us in our worship and ministry.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Friday morning, Christmas Eve, December 24.
- * **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Friday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to the Lord's table. Individual sets of communion elements will be provided.

Today, we receive our traditional and annual Christmas Joy Offering. You may contribute in the offering plate, by mailing a contribution to the church (P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466), by putting a contribution in the mail slot of the church office door, or donating online at our church's website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com). The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. For more information, visit www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/.

FOURTH SUNDAY -- *PRAISE the Light*

Hope Chronis and Sam Rose

Advent is a time to praise.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to remember God's faithfulness.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to remember God's blessings.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to remember God's promises.

Praise the Lord, and rejoice in his goodness.

Advent is a time to celebrate the end of darkness.

Praise to Jesus, the Light of the Word.

Candle Lighting

Hymn

Closing Prayer

Merry Christmas

Jesus, the Light of the World

Congregational Part

ELDERKIN
GEORGE D. ELDERKIN

(Sing twice)



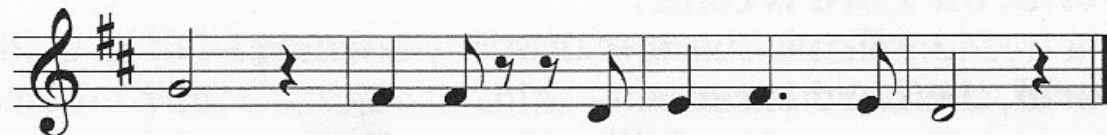
We'll walk in the light, beau-ti - ful



light, come, where the dew-drops of mer-cy shine



bright, O, shine all a-round us by day and by



night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

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ADVENT WREATHS

These Wreaths were bought for the Church during Advent Season and given in honor and memory of the following loved ones by the names listed below

In memory of Harry "Toots" Carlton

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Virginia "Sit" Knowles

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Charles Dewitt McGowen, Jr.

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Hill and Wright Lanier

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of Attie Carr Carlton

In honor of The Attie Carr Carlton Handbell Choir

Given by Greg & Geneva Maready

In memory of our parents Flora & Dean Long and

William & Gertrude Vanderwel

Given by David & Brenda Long

In memory of William "Bill" Saunders

Given by Burke & Lock Saunders

In memory of Andrea Lyn Casteen

Given by Zach, Adlyn Jo & Clara Gray Casteen

In memory of Tommy (Buddy) Dail

Given by Bill & Susan Walters

In memory of Dr. John D. & Lewellyn Robinson
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

In memory of Dr. John D. Robinson, Jr.
Given by Dan & Tanya Robinson

In honor of Dan & Eva McLaughlin
Given by Glenn & Debbie Price

In memory of Carl Uzzell
Given by Glenn & Debbie Price

In honor of Verlie Wells
Given by Dave Wells family

In memory of Jack Wells and Donald & Ruth Buckner
Given by Dave Wells family



*The Chrismon Tree is given to the Glory of God
by David and Jill Johnson.*