

DECEMBER 22, 2019

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM,
HE HUMBLED HIMSELF!”**

The Prelude

Advent Supplication

Creator of the stars of night, Your people’s everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You, hear us when we call. When this old world drew on toward night, You came, but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, virgin mother mild. At Your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heav’n shall call you Lord. To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Latin 9th century hymn, alt. John M. Neale, arr. H. Hopson © 2002 Birnamwood Publications

The Call to Worship

John 1:1-4,14

The Hymn of Praise

Once in Royal David’s City

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.

For he is our childhood’s pattern, day by day like us he grew; he was little weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew. And he feeleth for our sadness and he shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love, for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

The Invocation

Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

The Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-23

Pew Bible Page 983

The Anthem

He Is Born!

He is born, the divine Christ Child; play the musette and the bagpipe merrily! He is born, the divine Christ Child; sing we all of the Savior mild. Through long ages of the past, prophets long have foretold His coming; through long ages of the past, now the time has come at last! O how lovely, O how pure is this perfect Child of heaven, O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift to humankind! Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a Child among us, Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us Thy heav’nly peace.

Traditional French Carol arr. Dan Forrest © 2011 Beckenhorst Press

The Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-14

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The Anthem

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay, in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel. They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far. And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel. Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav’nly Lord, that hath made heav’n and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought. Noel, noel! Born is the King, noel!

English carol arr. Dan Forrest © 2009 Beckenhorst Press

The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-5a, 18-22

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The Offertory

Have You Seen the Newborn King?

Jennifer Kimbrough, soloist

Have you seen the newborn king, born, born, born in a manger? Have you seen the newborn king, born today in Bethlehem? Come and see the newborn king! Born, born, born in a manger. The child of whom the angels sing! Born today in Bethlehem. Wise men journeyed just to see him! Born, born, born in a manger. A shining star that night did lead them! Born today in Bethlehem. Have you seen the newborn king? Have you seen the tiny baby? Glory, glory hallelujah! Come, see the tiny little baby! Have you seen the newborn king? Have you seen the little child born today in Bethlehem!

Words and music by Victor C. Johnson © 2018 Choristers Guild

The Carol No. 218

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Stanzas 1, 2 and 5

The children are dismissed during the hymn.

The Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Pew Bible Page 980

The Anthem

Thou Who Wast Rich

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becomest poor; thrones for a manger did surrender, sapphire paved courts for stable floor. Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, all for love’s sake becomest poor. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becomest man; stooping so low, but sinners raising heav’nward by thine eternal plan. Thou who art God beyond all praising, all for love’s sake becomest man. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee. Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love beyond all telling, Savior and King, we worship thee.

Traditional French Carol melody arr. by Molly Ijames, words by Frank Houghton

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The Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-9

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The Anthem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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. 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, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth. How silently, how silently, the wond’rous gift is giv’n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heav’n. No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in. 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 Lord, Emmanuel.

Words by Phillips Brooks, St. Louis arr. by Dan Forrest © 2017 Beckenhorst Press

The Homily

Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

Good News of Great Joy: The Lord is Born!

The Anthem

Wexford Carol

Good people all this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day, in Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep, to whom God’s angels did appear which put the shepherds in great fear. “Arise and go,” the angels said, “to Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you’ll find this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus born.” With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God’s angels had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. We too shall see Him face to face; He shall return to earth reign when ev’ry soul is gathered round; that at His name all knees shall bow. Humbled as man, He bore our shame and calls His children each by name that we might see and know Him thus; Emmanuel, God with us.

12th century Irish carol, with additional words by Margaret Sprow, music arr. by Margaret Sprow © 2013 Music from the Orchard

The Hymn of Response No. 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

The Benediction

Rev. Kalberkamp

The Postlude

People, Look East

arr. K. Langlois

We welcome our guest musicians to our worship services today. We give thanks to God for their musical gifts and the joy it brings us as we worship our Savior.

ATTENTION TONIGHT:

NO EVENING WORSHIP OR MINISTRIES

It is our practice as a congregation, not to hold the evening service on the Sunday night closest to the Christmas Eve service or Christmas Day.

WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH AS THE YEAR CLOSES: A large portion of the church's contributions are received in the last 2 months of the year and are annually needed to end the year fiscally sound as a church. Please remember that your tithes and offerings must be received by December 31. Sacrificial giving to the General Fund and also to Missions is deeply encouraged by all as we model our Savior whose gifts to us are eternally priceless. We are equipped to handle gifts of stock also. Please prayerfully make Christ's Church the recipient of your heartfelt and generous giving.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE will be held **this Tuesday**, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. There is a nursery for children 2 years and under in the nursery building.

CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENCE OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED: As always at this service we will receive an offering that goes exclusively to our Deacon's mercy fund which enables your officers to meet many needs throughout the year for families needing assistance, both inside and outside our congregation. Your sacrificial support of this offering enables us to display joyfully the loving and merciful diaconal heart of our Savior Jesus.

55+ BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT BE MEETING DECEMBER 25 OR JANUARY 1.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 5. Children are dismissed to choir from the evening service. New singers are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR JANUARY 12, 2020, to review and approve the General fund and Mission budgets, and to vote on officer candidates. Elder candidates are Neil Barnes and Newell Simrall, and Deacon candidates are Timothy Barnes, Allan Edgar, Walt Lucas, and Parker Reece. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary promptly at 10:00 a.m. during the SS hour.

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IDEA! Looking for a great Christmas gift? Purchase beautiful POPC cookbooks available for only \$13 each! Please visit pearorchard.org/cookbook or you may contact Liz Taylor (ltaylor@pearorchard.org) for more information.

DEAR SWEET CHURCH FAMILY, we are so grateful for all the prayers, calls, visits and meals during this time of sadness in our family after the passing of Bill's father, Albert Lester Alvis, Jr. *Sincerely, The Alvis Family*

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Brent and Susan McCullouch. Brent's mother, Shelia Taylor McCullouch, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2019.

MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF GOD

REV. CARL H. KALBERKAMP, JR. ~ SENIOR PASTOR

REV. CALEB G. CANGELOSI ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

REV. DEAN WILLIAMS ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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**UPCOMING ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
BEGIN JANUARY 5, 2020**

Gospel of John ~ William Stabler, Roger Qi

Romans ~ Dean Williams

I Corinthians ~ John Kwasny

Revelation ~ Newell Simrall

PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Daniel Browne - Worship Team Leader

Susie Cook - Organist

Daphne Clark - Sonbeams Director

Jan Duran - Administrative Secretary

Heatherly Edgar - Financial Administrator

Rick Goodwin - Business Administrator

Chris Hanson - Maintenance Assistant

Tammie Haynes - Women's Ministry Director

Cathy Haynie - CCS Head of School

Madeline Hogue - Youth Ministry Coordinator

Wilson Van Hooser - Director of Youth Ministry

Adelle Johnson - Children's Ministry Assistant

John Kwasny - Director of Discipleship Ministries

Willie Lane - Day Porter

Edwin Lewis - Maintenance Director

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