

Our Vision:

We strive joyfully and prayerfully to warmly welcome all, freely share our blessings, and humbly explore God's love.

**Third Sunday of Advent, Songfest & Feast
December 11, 2022**

Gathering Music

“Skating”
(Barbara Freeman - piano)

Guaraldi

Welcome

Prelude

“Thankful”
(Jordon Smith, soloist)

Sager/Foster/Page

Call to Worship

Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for our sorrow and mourning will not last forever!

Amen! Glory to God! The joy of our God shall drive away the sorrow.

Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for God's mercies are new every morning!

Amen! Glory to God! Every morning is new. Grace abounds.

Rejoice, siblings in Christ, for God is with us, even now!

Amen! Glory to God! Let us worship together in joy and gladness!

Advent Song

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”
(Tana Denning - violin, Fred Johnson-guitar)
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

Haugen

1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its
 2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a -
 3. In deep - est night Christ's com - ing shall be, when all the earth is des -
 4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though cold the win - ter and
 dawn - ing, — sing out your joy, for Je - sus is born, be -
 sing - ing, — whose hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet
 pair - ing, — as morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so
 7 cheer - less, — the ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be
 hold the child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 fills the earth with its ring - ing. Mu - sic to heal the
 warm and gen - tle and car - ing. One with - out voice breaks
 10 strong and lov - ing and fear - less; Love be our song and
 weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, to o - pen wide the
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing kind - ness, the thun - der of the
 forth in song, a lame one leaps in won - der, the weak are raised a -
 14 love our prayer, and love our end - less sto - ry, may God fill ev - ery
 heav'n - ly door and lives now in - side us for - e - ver. —
 an - thems rolls to shat - ter all hate and in - jus - tice. —
 bove the strong, and wea - pons are bro - ken a - sund - er. —
 day we share, and bring us at last in - to glo - ry. —

Lighting the Advent Candle

The season of Advent reminds us of the hope we have in the humanity of Jesus. God came to us, leaving behind the glory of heaven to be a person feeling pain, joy, loss, and love.

Today, we light the candle of hope, because in Jesus, heaven came to earth.

Light the first candle.

Advent reminds us the Prince of Peace came and lived among us. He felt stress within himself and conflict with other people, yet he chose his path of peace—peace within himself, and peace with humankind.

Today, we light the candle of peace because Jesus showed us how to live in peace.

Light the second candle.

There is joy in the anticipation of the Advent season. Just as Mary waited for the birth of her son, we count the weeks and days to celebrate Christmas. Waiting makes space for imagination and preparation, and joy fills our hearts in that waiting.

Today, we light the candle of joy because joy is in the promise that the holy one is coming.

Light the third candle.

Prayer of Approach

God and source of all joy, we begin our gathering in praise of your faithfulness and grace.

Your goodness lightens our spirits and encourages our hearts.

Though we may come from places of depression, sadness, grief, or sorrow, we praise you because we trust there will be an end to pain and sadness.

Thank you for sunrises and mornings,

births and blossoms,

for all these moments reminding us you make all things new.

Guide us into greater joy as we worship together. Amen.

Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn #124

“Still, Still, Still”

Austrian Carol

(Rachel Bullock - flute, Tana Denning - harp, Fred Johnson - guitar)

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!

The virgin's tender arms enfolding,

Warm and safe the child are holding.

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep

While angel hosts from heaven come winging,

Sweetest songs of joy are singing.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep.

First Scripture Reading

John 1: 1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Hymn

“Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella”
 (Tana Denning - harp, Fred Johnson - guitar)
 (verses 1 & 3)

trad. French carol



1. Bring a torch, — Jean nette, I - sa - bel - la, bring a torch, to the cra - dle run!
 9 2. Soft - ly to — the lit - tle sta - ble, soft - ly for — a mo - ment come;



It is Je - sus, good folk of the vil lage, Christ is born, and Ma - ry's call ing.
 17 Look and see — how charm - ing is Je - sus, how he is soft, his cheeks are ro - sy.



Ah! Ah! beau - ti - ful is the moth - er! Ah! Ah! beau - ti - ful is her son!
 Hush! Hush! see how the child is sleep - ing, Hush! Hush! see how he smiles in dreams.

(Pre-K to 5th grade children are invited to Sunday School at this time.)

Second Scripture Reading**Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Anthem

“There Shall a Star from Jacob”
 (Judy Connelly - guest conductor)

Mendelssohn

*There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,
 And a Scepter from Israel rise up,
 And dash in pieces princes and nations.*

*As bright the star of morning gleams,
 So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
 Of light and consolation!*

*Thy Word, O LORD, radiance darting,
 Truth imparting, gives salvation;
 Thine be praise and adoration!*

Meditation

“Sing Out Your Joy”

Hymn

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”
(Tana Denning - violin, Barbara Freeman - piano)

Vajda/Freeman

1. Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's
 2. In that un - like - ly place I find him as they
 4 3. How should I not have known I - sai - ah would be
 word, I come in half be - lief, a pil - grim strange-ly
 said: sweet new-born Babe, how frail! And in a man - ger
 8 there, his proph - e - cies ful - filled, with pound ing heart I
 stirred, but there is room and wel-come there for me.
 bed... a still small Voice to cry one day for me.
 stare: a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SONGFEST

THE CHRISTMAS SONG

Torme

(David Jones - drums, Barbara Freeman - piano)

*Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, Jack Frost nipping at your nose,
 Yuletide carols being sung by a choir, and folks dressed up like Eskimos.
 Everybody knows the turkey and the mistletoe help to make the season bright.
 Tiny tots with their eyes all a-glow will find it hard to sleep tonight.*

*They know that Santa's on his way, he's loading lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh,
 And every mother's child is gonna spy to see if reindeer really know how to fly.*

*And so, I'm offering this simple phrase to kids from one to ninety-two.
 Although it's been said many times, many ways, Merry Christmas,
 Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to you.*

DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

trad. British melody

(Tana Denning - violin, Fred Johnson - guitar)

*Ding dong merrily on high,
 In heav'n the bells are ringing: Pray you, dutifully prime
 Ding dong! Verily the sky Your matin chime, ye ringers;
 Is riv'n with angel singing. May you beautifully rhyme
 REFRAIN: Gloria...Hosanna in excelsis! Your evetime song, ye singers.
 Gloria...Hosanna in excelsis!*

*E'en so here below, below, REFRAIN
 Let steeple bells be swungen,
 And "Io, io, io!"
 By priest and people sungen.*

REFRAIN

AWAY IN A MANGER

(Rachel Bullock - flute, Tana Denning - harp, Fred Johnson - guitar)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Angels We Have Heard on High/Good King Wenceslas”

trad. carols
arr. BFF

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Christ all creatures here below.

One God Triune Whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People followed by 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ADVENT SONGFEST CONTINUED...

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Wesley

(Tana Denning - violin, Fred Johnson - guitar)

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the Christ-child bring;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled!"
Joyful, all you saints arise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angel host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

REFRAIN: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time the Savior comes, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased on earth with us do dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.*

REFRAIN

*Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness,
Light and life our Savior brings, risen with radiant, healing wings.
Mildly laying glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us second birth.*

REFRAIN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Dix/GREENSLEEVES

(Rachel Bullock - flute, Tana Denning - violin, Fred Johnson - guitar)

*What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?*

*REFRAIN: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.*

REFRAIN

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, King, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.*

REFRAIN

Announcements

Benediction Carol

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
(Tana Denning - violin)

Luke 2: 15/GLORIA

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.*

REFRAIN: Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x 2)

*Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?*

REFRAIN

*Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, God, our world now entering.*

REFRAIN

*See the babe in manger laid whom the choir of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.*

REFRAIN

Benediction

Postlude

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
(Barbara Freeman - piano)

trad. English melody

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