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Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

The Candle of Praise

Christmas Cantata

If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance! We pray God's blessing upon you.

BRASS GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hope for Everyone

by Ingram, Maher

***CALL TO WORSHIP²**

L: The gift, are you ready to receive it? To share it?

P: Yes! God offers a gift, not wrapped in bright paper and colorful bows, but simply wrapped with love.

L: In the light of God's love, a baby is born offering the realm of God's Kingdom to all the world.

P: What are we waiting for? With voices strong, hands raised, and hearts full, let us praise God and share the good news.

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

ALL: With our minds focused and our hearts open, we will look toward the light of God.

ALL SING (to the tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel): No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the praise of the Lord.

Piano

No mat - ter where we are on our jour - ney, our

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feet will tread in the li - ght of the Lord.

No mat - ter where we are on our jour - ney, our

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feet will tread in the prai - se of the Lord.

WORSHIP CHOIR

A Star Will Soon Shine

by Besig

WORSHIP CHOIR


Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

by Wesley, Pritchard

*HYMN (see next page for music)

O How Shall I Receive You

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Piano 

1. O how shall I re - ceive you, how meet you on your
 2. Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you un - to
 3. You come, O Christ, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good -

5



way, blessed hope of ev - ery peo - ple, my soul's de - light and stay? O
 me; your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty. O
 - will, to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still. In

10



Je - sus, Je - sus give me now by your own pure light, to
 love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace in
 pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day when

14



know what - e'er is pleas - ing and wel - come in your sight.
 love, all love ex - cel - ing, our lost and fall - en race.
 a re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

L: Lord God, We praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.

People: We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us.

Leader: We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

People: Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE

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ALL SING: No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the light of the Lord. No matter where we are on our journey, our feet will tread in the praise of the Lord.

Piano

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 feet will tread in the li - ght of the Lord.
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 feet will tread in the prai - se of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Get Ready!

by Carpenter

CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP CHOIR

Song of Mary

by Mock/Lopez

WORSHIP CHOIR

Do You Know the Way to Bethlehem

by Wagner

HYMN (see next page for music) *This is Jesus*

by Mulligan, Kennedy, Williams, & Wood

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

Piano

1. Night of won - der still and si - lent, Heav - en's
 2. Oh the mys - tery who could fath - om God would
 3. For the hearts so prone to wan - der, for these

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brill - iance from a - bove, Light of glo - ry pierced the dark - ness, mer - cy
 leave His ho - ly throne, For a man - ger for a sin - ner for us
 feet so quick to flee, God is here and love is reach - ing for the

8

pierced my heart with love. This is Je - sus King of glo - ry here to
 all to be His own,
 lost and least of these.

12

res - cue from the fall, Son of God who comes to save us, Prince of

16

Peace and Lord of all.

WORSHIP CHOIR

He is Born

by Armstrong

OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel

Alexander/Story^s

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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Piano

Prai - se God fr - om whom all - ble - ss - ings flow. Prai - se

6
God all crea - tures here be - low. Prai - se God a -

11
bove, ye - heav - en - ly host. Prai - se Fa - ther Son, and

16
Ho - ly Ghost. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -

21
- el, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

HYMN & CANDLELIGHTING ~ CANDLE OF PRAISE

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Papa, Townend, Boswell

*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM (please stand and join us for the final verse)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

by Martin

Tune: Mendelsshon, arr. Martin © by Malcolm Music

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are: "Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die. Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us sec - ond birth. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, 'Glo - ry to the new - born King!'"

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glo - ry by, born that we no more may die.

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Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us

16
sec - ond birth. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing,

19
"Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Redemption Song

by Grayson et. al

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NOTES

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Thank you to all who participated in the Cantata!

Worship Choir

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Debbie Butcher	Brenda Beyer	David Firestone	Tom Bair
Barb Everhart	Helen Burns	Mike Gibbs	Braden Bicher
Dani Kardisco	Nancy Kinard	Michael Maletz	Ron Perry
Barb Neff	Melody Stine		Andrew Texter
Pam Shervin	Paula Strayer		

Accompanist

Travis Pinci

Praise Band

Cora Beyer	Denny Daugherty	Dani Kardisco
Jonathan Butcher	Olivia Daugherty	Jackson Kollasch
Hayden Dallam	Mason DeMers	Emily Schriver
		Travis Pinci

Instrumentalists

Olivia Daugherty	George DeMers	Jackson Kollasch	Jordyn Myers
Bridget Nalbone	Danielle Neff	Joel Staub	

Children's Choir/Bell Choir

Isabella Barshinger	Mason Damon	Hayden McCarthy	Liam Neff
Jack Bicher	Charlie Devine	Daniel McCracken	Nova Ramsey
Addison Bickleman	Dominic Devine	Sean McCracken	Anna Shindler
Ben Damon	Jack Devine	Leyla Morcos	Ethan Shindler
Caitlin Damon	Jackson Markel	Oliver Morcos	Tobias Rhinehart

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all families. Merry Christmas to one and all and blessings to you from Barbara Krier & Lynwood Schleeter!

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of all those participating in and helping with the cantata. Thank you for all of your hard work and preparation from the congregation!

The bulletins are presented in memory of Perino Bevivino (Perry's father) by Perry, Elaine, & Joey Bevivino.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

10:30 AM Worship Tech: Lana Fritz

10:30 AM Welcome Team: The Rhinehart family

10:30 AM Sound Techs: John Kollasch & Elaine Bevivino

10:30 AM Video Tech: John Schriver

10:30 AM Camera Tech: Jim Firestone

10:30 AM Hall Monitor: Bob Katherman

10:30 AM Nursery: Alan Neff & Jess Crowell

WOW Kids: Kathy Sweeney & Kelly Grimm

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⁶*Sing We the Song of Emmanuel*. By Getty, Boswell, Papa, & Townend. © 2015 Getty Music Hymns & Songs. CCLI Song # 7078042. CCLI License # 3220582.

⁷*Redemption Song*. By Grayson, et al.

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