

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast ~ Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

I. *Holy is the Lord* - Franz Schubert

II. *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* - MARGARET, arr. Mark Hayes

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: For unto us a child is born,

People: **and He shall be called Emanuel, Prince of Peace.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

***PRAISE CHORUS:**

Hymn No. 106 "*Prepare the Way, O Zion*" v 1 BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** No. 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, in the midst of our celebration, we are reluctant to allow uncomfortable thoughts to interrupt our revelry. We want to postpone all thought of sin to a more "suitable" time. But we know that as we celebrate Christmas in joy, others are grieving. We know that while we celebrate in freedom, others are imprisoned. While we celebrate in plenty, others die for lack of basic necessities. Forgive us when we look only at ourselves and ignore those things that are uncomfortable. Help us to remember that the Christ child came for the salvation of the world and through Him we are all a part of the family of God forever. (Silent prayer) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 71 *“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me” (Refrain only)* FIRST SONG
**Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Cora Marsaw, Aurelia Kimbrough and Anaya Parkman

(Congregation sings)

**As we light the Advent Candle
with the light of *Peace* burning bright,
faithfully we wait for His coming;
faithfully it shines through the night.
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;
hear the prayers these flames would tell.**

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALTER LESSON From Psalm 96 (Please read responsively)

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

People: **Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Leader: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all the gods.

People: **For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

Leader: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

People: **Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

People: **Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before Him, all the earth.**

Leader: Say among the nations, “The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.”

People: **Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sear roar, and all that fills it;**

Leader: let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy

People: **before the LORD; for He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7 (Pew Bible, page 638)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: *Waiting for Bethlehem's Light* - Dale Peterson

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20) (Pew Bible, page 58)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

***HYMN** No. 118

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

CHRISTMAS

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

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.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - ST. LOUIS, arr. David Paxton

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of glory, Your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like Him, may become beacons of Your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

***HYMN No. 132** *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"* IN DULCI JUBILO

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 79 *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* vs 1 TEMPLE OF PEACE
Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *Angels We Have Heard on High* - GLORIA, arr. Tom Birchwood

***Those who are able may stand.**

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*Please join us for Coffee and Refreshments
following the Worship Service*

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| 2 | Bill and Lori Gast | In Celebration of our families |

Daily Bread

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY

Fall is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

Thank you, Faith in Action

THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree this year will be the same as last year: that is, envelopes will be put out for you to put your contribution in toward a gift from the Presbyterian gift catalog. You may put the envelope in the collection plate when it is passed. If you want credit on your statement for it, you should include your name on the envelope. Or you may simply write a check and note "Angel Tree" in the memo space.

A reminder also that we will be collecting funds for the Christmas Joy Offering. More on this later.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity. The Faith in Action Committee.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price needs continued prayers

Continued prayers for Bill and Nina Swaney

Bill's father, Bill Gast

Sue Fitch

Continued prayers for Joan's nephew, Ryan McNeil

Makia and Mireille Epie

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Joan's sister Shirley Gearheart and her kids

Irmagene Mitchell

Steve Rangel

Bob Drury

Bruce Allen

Prayers for those who are unable to go to church, but would love to

Joe's friend, Kevin Kimsy – he had a stroke and has other medical problems

Pray for Russia – Christians can't share Christ in public

Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick

Lorrinda Alexander's hip replacement surgery is scheduled on December 19th

Carolyn Douglas – recovering from knee surgery

Pat Nash has glaucoma

Sonia Wills and her husband

Jennifer Swan had kidney surgery, and is in a lot of pain

Nancy's granddaughter is being deployed for 4 months to an unknown location

CELEBRATIONS

Margie Sonntag misses everyone and says Merry Christmas

Walter Yuhanna and Onzelle Chandler are here

Edwin took the warm clothes to the shelter

Wonderful that Nina is here

Howard McCreary will probably go to rehab soon