

Worship Leader Edition
Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Pastor Rob)

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(Tony and Heather Kambeitz)*

L: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. (Light Hope Candle). Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it too. We dream of peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace. (Light Candle)

C: On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

With Permission: Rev. Will Ryan, First Christian Church (DOC), Burlington, Iowa. Liturgy Links - 2016

CANDLE LIGHTING

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Pastor Rob)

L: In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as our comfort and savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move away from God. So then, let us make our confession in this moment of silence.

(silence...)

L: Holy God...

C: we often forget what this story is about – the birth of our Savior Jesus. We’ve wrapped ourselves with so much planning, shopping, and decorating, we haven’t left time to give thanks for the one who changed the world. Forgive us. Open our hearts, so we may share our love for you, your creation, and all your children. Heal us, we pray.

L: Friends, hear this good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Freed to love and serve.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

(Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel’s ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good’. Used with permission.)

+GATHERING HYMN

“For All the Faithful Women”

ELW #419

Verses 1, 6 and Last

Verse 1

For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed your pow’r to save.

Verse 6

We honor faithful Mary,
Fair maiden, full of grace.
She bore the Christ, our brother,
Who saved our human race.
May we, with her, surrender
Ourselves to your command
And lay upon your altar
Our gifts of heart and hand.

Last

All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit,
Who binds the church as one!

With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias
And strive to do your will.

+GREETING *{Front Center} (Pat Lair)*

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

(Assistant may be seated if not cantoring)

+KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

ELW pg. 138

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *(congregation)*

“This Is the Feast”

ELW pg. 140-141

C: Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Pat Lair)*

L: Heavenly Father, thank You that You take the simple things of life and servants that are humble in spirit to be lifted up and used by You to Your praise and glory. In your name we pray,

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING *(Beth Angerhofer)*

James 1:1-5

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

ELW #265

Verse 1

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
"All hail to thee, O Lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Verse 2

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee;
thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

Verse 3

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Verse 4

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
"Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED *{Front Center}* (Pat Lair)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS *{Front Center}* (Pat Lair)

Screen

After each petition:

L: God of love,

C: we wait in hope.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Pat Lair)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Rob)*

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(spoken)*

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(brief intro)*

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Rob)*

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C: 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 and ever. Amen.

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COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Carol of the Advent"
St. Luke's Choir

Philip Dietterich

Please stand as you are able.

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Rob)*

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

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+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center} (Pat Lair)*

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.

C: Amen.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Be people of peace. Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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+SENDING HYMN

“Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

ELW #488

Verse 1

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Verse 2

Hasten as a bride to meet him,
Eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
Quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal,
Saying to the Lord immortal:
“Come, and leave your loved one never;
Dwell within my heart forever.”

Verse 3

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation.

Verse 4

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you,
Love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you,
And, so favored, never leave you.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Pat Lair*)

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE