

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

Order of Worship for December 6, 2020

The Second Sunday in Advent Celebrating Angels

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Advent Candle Lighting

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.- From Reformed Worship

"She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

He took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Advent Candle Lighting Song –

Psalm of Lament

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

85:1 LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

85:2 You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Selah

85:8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

85:9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

85:10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

85:11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

85:12 The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

85:13 Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Prayer of Lament

God you call to us with angel songs the good news of hope but we struggle to see the way forward in this pain and sorrow. Sit with us while we wait for the world to be made new and comfort us while we mourn. Help us through this season of waiting to keep our eyes on you and the promises of the kingdom that you continue to offer us even as we wait . Amen

Personal time for Lament

(A time of silence will be observed for personal lament .)

Promise of Consolation

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children- Jan Hunt

*Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² 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. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ 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.

Sermon –

Messages from God

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*Hymn **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,

**His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail" said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,"
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed mother you shall be,
All generations praise continually,
Your Son shall be Emanuel, by seers foretold."
Most highly favored lady," Gloria!**

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

**Of her, Emanuel, 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!**

Communion- Rev. Jennifer Baer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Forth and Benediction

*Choral Response **Joy to the World**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,**

And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns:

Let us our songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Liturgist: Meryl Davis

Resident Soloist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Karen Perzia & Rich Burkhardt