

A CHILD IS BORN



For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given;
and the government shall be
upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor.

the Everlasting Father

The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

December 13, 2020 / 10:00 AM

The People Gather

Welcome & Announcements

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Joy

An Introduction to our Advent Lesson

The Lighting of the Candle of Joy

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalms 50: 6, 7, 9, 10

Pastor: The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.

People: **“Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you; I am God, your God.”**

Pastor: “I shall take no young bull out of your house, nor male goats out of your folds.”

People: **“For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.”**

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

You are Holy O God of majesty and blessed is Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. He experienced a humble birth, yet He came to rule over all. Helpless as a baby, He showed the power of Your love. Poor in the things of this world but He brought the wealth of Your grace. Ignored by the powerful and important yet He was worshipped and praised by shepherds, magi, and angels. Rejected by many but He welcomes all of us who seek Him. Amen.

Opening Hymn #22 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

(blue hymnal)

We Humble Ourselves in Confession

A Call to Confession

Matthew 3: 1

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, because the kingdom of Heaven has come near!”

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

God of Grace and Truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the Light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Luke 2: 11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Hymn #37 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (*blue hymnal*)

We Listen for God’s Word

A Moment with the Children and Youth

A Prayer for Illumination

The Presentation of the Word

The Reading of the New Testament: Micah 5: 2-5
Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times. Therefore, Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of the ruler’s brothers will return to the people of Israel. He will stand and shepherd them in the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD his God. They will live securely, for then his greatness will extend to the ends of the earth. He will be their peace.

Sermon Title: “Ephrathah”

Jesus gives us peace in our lives today and for eternity.

The People Respond

Hymn #31 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (*blue hymnal*)

A Season of Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer
Our Silent and Personal Prayers
The Lord’s Prayer

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive)** (*see insert*)

“The Session would like to remind you that despite the Corona Virus crisis shut downs the church still has financial obligations. You may continue to give by mailing contributions to the Church Office; giving electronically through Realm; or making bulk donations from investments.”

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

We bring our gifts to You, O God, in response to the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Your Word made flesh. May all we do be in response to the new life we have been given. Give us wisdom to use all our gifts to Your glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn #28 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

(blue hymnal)

***The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude

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