

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship for December 13, 2020

The Third Sunday in Advent Celebrating Angels

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Advent Candle Lighting

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

"This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.- from Reformed Worship

Advent Candle Lighting Song –

Psalm of Lament

Psalm 126

126:1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

126:3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

126:4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

126:5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

126:6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Prayer of Lament

God help us to hear your good news even amongst the things that are broken in the world around us, you promise comfort and salvation as many of us are hurting and scared. Be with us as we wait and watch and offer us comfort as we mourn for what was and wait for what will be. Amen

Personal time for Lament

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

Promise of Consolation

Psalm 23 1-4

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children- Jan Hunt

***Hymn Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow**

**There's a star in the East on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born,
Rise up, shepherd and follow.**

Refrain:

**Follow, follow;
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
Follow the Star of Bethlehem,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.**

**If you take good heed to the angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow,
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds,
Rise up, shepherd and follow. [Refrain]**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a

loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her Home.

*Hymn **Born in the Night, Mary's Child**

G $\overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^3$ Em Am Cm6 G Em Am D7

1. Born in the night, Ma-ry's Child, A long way from Your home;
 2. Clear shin-ing light, Ma-ry's Child, Your face lights up our way;
 3. Truth of our life, Ma-ry's Child, You tell us God is good;
 4. Hope of the world, Ma-ry's Child, You're com-ing soon to reign;

G $\overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^3$ G+ C Em7 Am $\overbrace{\quad\quad\quad}^3$ Am7 D7 G

Com - ing in need, Ma-ry's Child, Born in a bor-rowed room.
 Light of the world, Ma-ry's Child, Dawn on our dark-ened day.
 Yes, it is true, Ma-ry's Child, Shown on your cross of wood.
 King of the earth, Ma-ry's Child, Walk in our streets a - gain.

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.**

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