



Sunday, December 18, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent, Lessons and Carols

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- Have you **checked in** for worship today?

*please stand as you are able

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Welcome and Work of God's People

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Noel: There is Nothing so Tender

Dandrieu

Introit

Carol Manion, Piano

The King of Glory Comes

Israeli Melody

Primary Choir; Soloists Juliet Barton, Ivan Denisssov, Lyla Bechtel, and Adam Connor

Refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.
Who is the King of glory, how shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

Refrain: In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people, curing their illness.

Refrain: He gave His life for us, the pledge of salvations:
He took upon Himself the sin of the nations.

Refrain: He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen,
And he will share with us His heavenly vision.

Refrain:

Lighting the Advent Wreath

The Sakowski Family

The Fourth Candle: Love (purple). Cally and Paul Sakowski

*Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 40)

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Here again the words of the prophet Isaiah.
"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,"

And all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The people who have lived and walked in darkness have seen a great light. Come, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration

Rev. Spencer

Lessons and Carols: Jesus Is

LESSON 1: Jesus is the New Adam

Rev. Spencer

Scripture: Genesis 2: 4-9, Colossians 1: 15-20

Hymn No. 171: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

****Seating interlude*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (offered in unison)

Almighty God, You Who shaped out of nothing all that is,

Forgive us for returning to You empty-handed and empty-hearted.

You Who called forth light,

Forgive our love of the darkness.

You Who sent Jesus, the Firstborn of all creation,

Forgive us when we ignore Him. Remake us in the image of Christ,

so that the light of Jesus Christ may shine in and through us; for we ask these things through the name of Jesus Christ, our newborn Savior and Lord. Amen.

Time of silence to seek the Lord's mercy

Assurance of Pardon

Through the work of Jesus, God has reconciled us to Himself; and we rejoice with the angels proclaiming:
Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth. God and sinners are reconciled. Jesus was born so that we no longer die and so that we may be born again. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri No. 805

Anthem

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Mary Went Up to Hill Country

Carl Schalk

Adult Choir

Mary went up to hill country, Elizabeth she came to see.

Her cousin's greeting which she heard came by the Spirit's inward word:

"You are the mother of my King." Then sweetly did the virgin sing:

Refrain: My heart God's greatness voices, my soul in Him rejoices
He is my savior, faithful, true; His mercy will enfold you too.
Stay-at-home never let us be. But go we up through hill country.
And there speak kindly each to each, the Spirit's greeting that can reach
The heart and open it to sing the song that only faith can sing.

Refrain: My heart God's greatness voices, my soul in Him rejoices
He is my savior, faithful, true; His mercy will enfold you too.

LESSON 2: Jesus is the New Noah

Elder Jim Wiggans

Remembrance of Baptism

Scripture: Genesis 7: 1-5; 1 Peter 3: 18-21

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response

What Adam's Disobedience Cost

Jeremiah Clarke

Adult Choir

Way of the Week #6: Forgive ... Again

Rev. Allen

6. FORGIVE ... AGAIN. Just as God forgives us, heal relationships by extending forgiveness with grace and generosity. Forgive everyone everything. Start by praying for those you resent or hate. Ask for every blessing you would want for the one you're struggling to forgive.

Ideas for Action (try to do this by 12 noon Tuesday): Work on "dropping" the anger you have. Don't let it come between you and someone else. Stop bringing up the hurt in public or with friends. Stop nursing the memory of how you've been wronged.

Offertory

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Offertory Music

Angels and Shepherds

Lamb

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Barbara Fletcher, Lissa Herman, Elisabeth Lefferts, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Stacy Schaffer, Vicki Terry; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

LESSON 3: Jesus is the Son of David

Rev. Allen

Thanksgiving for God's Covenants

Scripture: II Samuel 7: 10-14, 16, Luke 1: 30-33, 2:4-7

Prayer of Praise

Response

Flemish Carol

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Adult Choir

John Rutter

LESSON 4: Jesus is the Good Shepherd

Rev. Spencer

Scripture: Psalm 23, John 10:11-17

The Lord is my shepherd. He takes care of all my needs.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord watches over me. God gives me a home to live in, water to drink, and food to eat. God gives meaning to my life.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord guides me along the right way. Even when I'm walking by myself in a strange place, I don't feel scared because I know that the Lord is with me to help me and give me courage.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

The Lord has blessed me with so many things. I will never be able to repay God for His faithfulness and kindness to me.

The Lord is my shepherd. God takes care of all my needs.

Response

Joel Krott, Organ

Manger Carol

Leo Sowerby

Adult Choir Women; Amanda Schkeeper, Alto

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Music in Preparation for Service

A Carol Jubilee

Rogers

Bell Choir; Kathy Gunsallus, Director

Benediction and Going Forth; Ways Video

Rev. Spencer

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8:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle:	Elder Jim Wiggans
Audio Technician:	Harris Ransom
Live Stream Technician:	Jonathan Nawrocki
Flower Arrangers:	Debbie Heller and Carol Morgan
Ushers:	Jack Haag, Barry Leatherman, Jack Terry
Trustee Greeter:	Matt Moxhay
Check-In Volunteer:	Deacon Rachel Long
Nursery Caregiver:	Amy Coombe
Hospitality:	Chelsea Margerum (volunteers needed)

Worship flowers today are given to the glory of God.

EPIPHANY CONCERT

Please join us on **Sunday, January 8, 2023** at 8:30 a.m. DURING the traditional worship service. The Adult Choir, Chapel Choir and Choristers will be singing carols, songs, and anthems of the season.