

MORNING WORSHIP

December 8, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

Second Sunday of Advent

*When the prelude begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Mollie McGirt, violin

INTROIT

"Sing Noel"
Children's Choir

South African Folk Song

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Laura and P.J. Stark Family

UNISON PRAYER

**God of Peace and Love, in the midst of this busy season, quiet our hearts and calm our spirits.
Moment by moment, day by day, may we sense Your nearness and know Your peace. Amen.**

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

John 1:1-5, 14

Zachary Pineno

INTRODUCING THE STORY

Lori Raible

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Zachary Pineno

Leader: Let us come, just as we are, to see what has happened.

Congregation: Let us come with the shepherds.

Leader: Let us come and find the One of whom the angels sang.

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Leader: Let us come and find the One who brings God's truth to us.

Congregation: Let us come with those who are wise.

Leader: Let us come and find the Glory of God born in a stable, and placed in a feeding trough.

**Congregation: Let us come with the poor in spirit, and poor in flesh;
let us come with those who are humbled by life.**

Leader: Let us come and find the One who comes to lead us home to God's kingdom.

**Congregation: Let us come with our friends and family, let us come with our neighbors and
with strangers, let us come with all the children of God.**

Leader: O come, let us come to the Babe of Bethlehem; O come, let us adore Him!

Congregation: Christ our Lord!

+*HYMN 41 (Verses 1 and 2)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE ANNUNCIATION

Luke 1:26-38
The sending of the angel Gabriel.

Meredith Northan
Simone Van Vuuren
Camille Cumbus

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mary Did You Know?"
Maggie Franklin

Lowry and Greene

THE JOURNEY OF MARY AND JOSEPH

Luke 2:1-7
Mary and Joseph journey to the stable.

Henry Parbst
Harry Schoeneck

HYMN 25	“Away in the Manger”	MUELLER
THE SHEPHERDS WATCH THEIR FLOCK	Luke 2:8 The shepherds tend their sheep.	Cooper Cumbus Amelia Sauda
SPECIAL MUSIC	Maeve Raible and Mrs. Anna Hunsucker, violin	
THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS	Luke 2:9-18 The angels share the good news of Jesus.	Cooper Cumbus Patrick Finein
HYMN 23 (Verses 1 and 2)	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	GLORIA
THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF JOY	Psalms 98:1, 4-8 The angels bring tidings of great joy.	Pete Halstead
*HYMN 40 (Verses 1 and 2)	“Joy to the World!”	ANTIOCH

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI	Matthew 2:1-2, 9-12 The wise men bring gifts to the baby Jesus.	Brady Ellis Holden Bolewitz
HYMN 66 (Verse 1)	“We Three Kings of Orient Are”	THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING		Hugh Brown
<p>“A savior born, a gift of joy! A manger bed, a star of light, a mother’s laugh, a tiny boy, a father’s prayer— such gifts that night! O God of love, Your joy uplifts—the poor now laugh and know their worth. May we Your church give Christmas gifts that bring joy to all the earth.”</p> <p>—<i>A Savior Born, A Gift of Joy</i>, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette</p>		
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Children’s Choir with Chancel Choir	

*DOXOLOGY (<i>Hymn 592</i>)		OLD HUNDREDTH
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)	Luke 2:30-32	Vivian Randall
<p>For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory to Your people Israel. Amen.</p>		

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 29	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”	GO TELL IT
*BENEDICTION	<p>Let us go to join the angels, shepherds, and wise ones; the humble, poor in flesh, and poor in spirit; our friends, families, neighbors, and strangers in singing of God’s glory and grace. Let us go to share the good news, that Jesus, the brother of all people is in our midst. Let us go to offer peace and kindness to everyone, joining the Spirit in telling of all we have seen and heard.</p>	
*POSTLUDE	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	arr. Michael Burkhardt

Our deepest gratitude is extended to the many adult teachers, mentors,
and parents who have helped our children and youth with this special worship service.
Especially, Eric Winkenwerder for his tireless love of storytelling and story sharing,
Ellen Harris and Maggie Franklin for their gifts of music leadership,
Catherine Miller and Katie Cumbus for their gifts of costume creativity,
and guest musician Anna Hunsucker.

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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