



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

9:30 A.M.



✠ All those who are able, please stand.

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WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Christopher

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water.

P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE

No Room

John

Peterson

Carrie Malovich - soloist

INTROIT

We Wait in Hope

Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir

All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night,
with hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cal and Katy Danhof

Leader: Advent is a time to praise.

People: Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: During Advent we remember God's past faithfulness.

People: Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: During Advent we remember God's present goodness.

People: Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: During Advent we remember God's future promises.

People: Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his benefits.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION SING

WE WAIT IN HOPE

We praise with hope for the morning light,
for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.
We praise with joy for the Savior's birth;
we praise with hope for peace on earth.

I love thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.
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Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v. 1) Gloria **23**

ANTHEM *Angels' Carol* John Rutter

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?

Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
to the humble shepherds who have waited long?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night.
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
filling all the world with radiance and with light.

He is come in love as the child of Mary
in a simple stable we have seen his birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth.'

He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
like a bright star shining in the skies above.
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
when he comes to reign in purity and love.

Let the earth rejoice at the Savior's coming.
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'
Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'

Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-16

HYMN *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* (v.1)

50

ANTHEM *The Shepherds' Carol*

arr. Dan Forrest

Carols so sweet, angels did sing.

As lately we watched o'er our fields through the night.

A star there was seen of such glorious light.

All through the night, angels did sing carols so sweet
of the birth of a King.

All through the night, angels did sing carols so sweet
of the birth of a King.

His throne is a manger, his court is a loft.

But hosts of bright angels, in strains sweet and soft,
him they proclaim, our Christ by name,
and earth, sky, and air straight are filled with his fame,
earth, sky, and air proclaim.

Then shepherds, be joyful, salute your new King,

let hills and vales ring to the song that ye sing.

Blest be the hour, welcome the morn
for Christ our dear Savior on earth now is born.

All through the night, angels did sing carols so sweet,
for the birth of a King. Carols so sweet, for the birth of a King.

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

HYMN *We Three Kings* (v. 1)

66

ANTHEM *Carol of Magi*

John Rutter

We rode all night thro' fields of darkness,
our guiding light the eastern star.

We came to Bethlehem, we all were weary.

We'd traveled far that night, we'd traveled far. We'd traveled far.

We heard that here we'd find Messiah,

foretold by seers from days of old.

We looked for palaces, and found a stable.

Could it be here, so bare and cold? So bare and cold?

We entered in and there we saw him.
It seemed we'd known him from long before.
A child like any child, yet somehow different.
The face of ev'ry child in him we saw, the face of ev'ry child we saw.

We'd brought him gifts, and now we offered them,
we knelt down low in silent prayer.
With eyes that seemed to know both joy and sadness,
the child looked down as we knelt there, the child looked down as
we knelt there.

So long ago, yet I remember
the child who lay at Mary's knee.
How strange that ev'ry child seems so much like him.
His is the face I seem to see, his is the face I seem to see.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:68-70, 74-75, 78

ANTHEM

Echo Carol

Hugh Livingston Jr.

While by our sleeping flocks we lay,
there came an angel bright as day.
Awake with joy! (Wake with joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!
(Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!)

Spake then the angel, "News I bring
of Israel's long expected King!"
Great be your joy! (Be your joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!
(Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!)

Grace, truth and right his rule attend.
His kingdom knows no earthly end.
Great be your joy! (Be your joy!)
Joy, joy, joy! (Joy, joy, joy!)
Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!
(Praise ye the Lord on high with joy!)

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Gail Gesell, Janice Potter
Chris Raymond
Bill & Nancy Sproull

Owl Express

Cara Bissell

Welcome Centers

Royce & Joyce Lambert

Medical Team

Marvin Clark

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Jim Bruner, Bob Kern

Poinsettias given by: See Insert

Today there is no Children's Sunday School (the nursery is open). Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary to hear the beautiful music. Also, there is no Adult Sunday School class after worship today.

Rev. Mark Medina will not hold office hours on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Coyote Grill at San Ignacio Golf Club for the next two weeks.

Noisy Offering is next Sunday, December 31st. Please gather your loose change and toss it into the buckets during our noisy offering. The proceeds will go to Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**