



Waverly Road

Presbyterian Church

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021, 11:00 am

Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format:

*When you see bold italics, we all read aloud together. An * invites those who are able to stand.*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Lullee, Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child” & “Angels, We Have Heard On High”
arr. John Klein

Earnest Ringers

GATHERING PRAYER

Rebecca Ketchie

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of little Bethlehem comes one who is to rule in Israel.

He shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Holy is God's name!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We light this candle of a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.
For the Lord elevates the lowly, releases the captive, and brings sight to the blind.
We rejoice in his justice and mercy, faithful to all generations.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

*HYMN 93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world – not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

In Jesus Christ we are a free and forgiven people. Alleluia, AMEN!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

Children ages 3 years - 3rd grade may now be dismissed to attend Godly Play (Children's Church) in Room 102.

ANTHEM

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

arr. Molly Ijames

God rest ye merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray, O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly father a blessed angel came, and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name, O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not," then said the angel, let nothing you a-fright, this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might, O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this sacred time of Christmas tide all others now deface; O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:47-55

SERMON

"This is It"

Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" & "Good Christians All Rejoice"

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

Earnest Ringers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You Deliver us, O God, from exile, separation and despair into communion with each other, with you, and with your good news. We thank you for all that draws us close together, astounding us with lives transformed by gratitude. Accept our gifts as signs of our gratitude for what you give us every day and as honor to your presence in our world; for the sake of those who stand in need and Jesus Christ, who saves us. AMEN.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Canticle of the Turning

1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***POSTLUDE**

“Carol of the Bells”
Earnest Ringers

arr. Kerry Boyce

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**The Poinsettias
adorning the Sanctuary
are given to the
Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of

Helen Austin.....Betty Fritz
Ed & Vi Gustafson.....Betty & Jerry Fritz and Mary & Gordon Porter
Sinclair Preston.....Betsy Preston
Miklos (Mike) Bus.....Germaine & Stephen Bus
Bob & Betsy Holtzclaw.....Their Children & Grandchildren
Kristal Germroth.....Howard & Karen Carman
Robert McMillan & Allen Roedecker.....Noah & Robin McMillan
S. Edson Blanchard.....Doris Blanchard
Patsy Marsh.....Ken & Katherine Marsh
Tom King.....Ken & Katherine Marsh
The people who lost their lives in the recent tornadoes.....Linda Qualls
Ezra Williams.....Warren & Barbara Sanders
Auke Valk.....Sarah Valk

In Honor of

Sarah Hale.....Steve Bingham
Our Grandchildren.....Conner & Joyce Caldwell
WRPC Staff.....Betty & Jerry Fritz
Josephine Morrison.....Betty & Jerry Fritz
Rev. Dan Clark and Jean.....Betty & Jerry Fritz
Robin McMillan and the Sanctuary GuildBetty Fritz
Josephine Morrison.....Betsy Preston
Dan & Jean Clark.....Howard & Karen Carman
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Cynthia McMillan & Helen Roedecker.....Noah & Robin McMillan
Waverly Road Baysmont Members.....Warren & Barbara Sanders
Amy Boyles.....Warren & Barbara Sanders

In Celebration of

The Lodal Families.....Betty & Jerry Fritz
Howard Carman.....Apprenticeship Sunday School Class
Kate, Tyler & Ariana Stubbs.....Howard & Karen Carman
Kate Stubbs.....Noah & Robin McMillan