

2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



4TH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation
to all people” *Titus 2:11*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

*“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships
so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”*

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we light the first, second, third, and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.

All: **Jesus said to them, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”** John 13:34

(The candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Loving God,

All: **Your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive Your love; and following the example of Your SON, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, Who loved us to the end. Amen.”**

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you**

(Wave and/or Honk to each other)

HYMN

Away In a Manger

LBW #67

Verse 1

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed;
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing; the poor Baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky;
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care;
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare us to receive Him and see His glory. He is Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

LESSONS

2 Samuel 7:1 - 11, 16
Romans 16:25 - 27

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26 - 38

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Now the Sixth Month

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LBW# 42

Verse 1

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the world began to be;
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see; Evermore and evermore!

Verse 2

Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race.
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

Verse 3

This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines the long expected;
Let creation praise its Lord Evermore and evermore.

Verse 4

Let the heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel hosts; His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring; Evermore and evermore!

Verse 5

Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee;
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory;
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: (*After each petition. . .*) Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - *in unison*

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;**

**Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN **It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** **LBW #54**

Verse 1

**It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.**

Verse 2
 Still through the cloven skies they come
 With peaceful wings unfurled,
 And still their heav'nly music floats
 O'er all the weary world.
 Above its sad and lowly plains
 They bend on hov'ring wing.
 And ever o'er its babel sounds
 The blessed angels sing.

Verse 3
 And you, beneath life's crushing load,
 Whose forms are bending low,
 Who toil along the climbing way
 With painful steps and slow.
 Look now, for glad and golden hours
 Come swiftly on the wing;
 Oh rest beside the weary road
 And hear the angels sing!

Verse 4
 For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
 By prophet seen of old,
 When with the ever circling years
 Shall come the time foretold.
 When peace shall over all the earth
 Its ancient splendors fling,
 And all the world give back the song
 Which now the angels sing.

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!



NEXT SUNDAY December 27, 2020
First Sunday after Christmas

Next Sunday Lessons and Carols

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December 20th Christmas Live Nativity
TONIGHT >>> 7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ parking lot Teen Servants will present a Live Nativity for you to enjoy from your car. Tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear the narration and join in the singing. The Nativity will be repeated at 7:30 PM.

December 24th Christmas Eve Worship
This Thursday 7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ Parking Lot. Invite your friends and help fill the parking lot with hearts full of Christmas Cheer as we celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus the Lord.

December 27th First Sunday after Christmas

2021 Flower Chart

The flower chart is ready for you to sign up to sponsor the Sunday Altar Flowers. You may come in to sign up in person. Or you may email the church with your special dates and we can check the date and sign you up.

