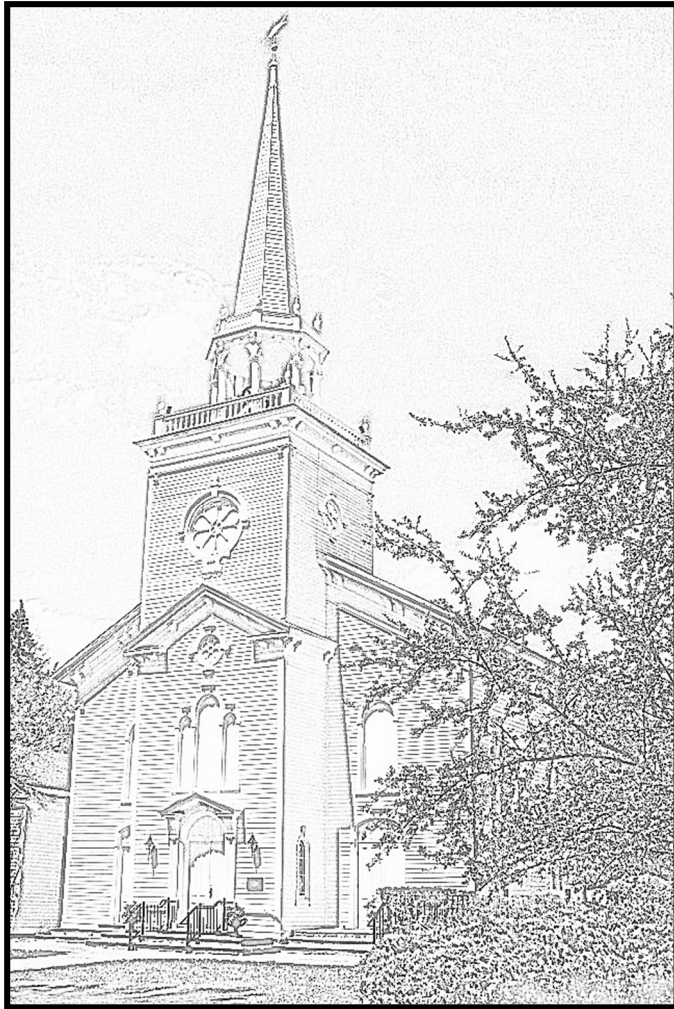


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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

December 13, 2020

PRELUDE	“The Shepherds at the Manger”	Liszt
	<i>Michael Guarneiri, Piano</i>	
	“Hallelujah”	Cohen
	<i>Alyssa Scott and Dominic Frost</i>	

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

INTROIT	“The Wonder of Christmas”	Raney
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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITANY (Responsive)

During Advent, we listen for the wonder of God's word.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent, we reach beyond the noise and distractions of this world.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent, we ponder the good news that is our great joy.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent, we speak words of hope to those engaged in life's struggles.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

During Advent, we offer words of peace to those overcome by life's fears.

Speak to us, O Lord, for our hearts are open.

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

RESPONSE

There is wonder in the hope
of the birth of a king,
there is wonder in the sound
of the angels as they sing.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.
and join us here.

ADVENT PRAYER

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we pray that we would be guided by grace, strengthened by faith, and encouraged by Christ. With the many distractions surrounding us daily, keep our eyes focused on your glory and our ears attentive to your Word. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus " No. 2

1 Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world.
We confess that we live as though
the light had never defeated darkness.
We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent
to be among us and to live in us.
We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas
season
and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting
hearts.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.

Prepare us for His return.

Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate
the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,
abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor
his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or
repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens
are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as
far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our
transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:8-12)

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

This Advent season we wait in joy,
And we give with joy.
Joy for all you have given us;
Joy because of your promises.
Receive these offerings,
And use them to spread your joy in our world.
Amen.

*Offering Plate is in the Narthex, or may give online through our
website, cazpres.org.*

OFFERTORY

"Silver Bells"

Arr. Conley

Rachel & Nathan Schierer, Violin & Piano

Becca Brooks, Cello

Asher, Nathan & Michael Guarneiri, Bells

DOXOLOGY

No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we offer our gifts and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your blessings and presence in their lives. **Amen.**

HYMN

“People, Look East”

No. 12

Verses 1,2 & 5

1 People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad, Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose in on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-27

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said,

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’”
as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,^[a] nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.”

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“The Christmas Story”

Gabriel.....Rachel Schierer
Shepherds and Sheep.....Emma and Ethan Palmer
.....William and Andrew Pugh
.....Alyssa, Jonathan, and James Scott
Angels.....Becca and Abi Brooks
.....Mya Burgmeyer
.....Claire Jenner
Mary.....Selah Copland and Ava Hyatt
Joseph.....Malachi Copland
Herod.....Jason Hyatt
Kings.....Jayce, Caleb and Luke Hyatt
Star.....Jacob Guarneiri

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BENEDICTION

Be people of joy.

Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you
meet.

Share joy by seeing the good in each other.

Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times
to come.

Share joy by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share joy.

As you go out into the wonder of God’s creations, share joy,
peace, and hope with those you meet. Amen

POSTLUDE

“Ukrainian Bell Carol” Tedesco and Heyde

Nathan Schierer & Michael Guarneiri, Piano Duet