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**December 20, 2020**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**REFLECTION**

*“The inn was full.....there are many of you who think to yourselves: ‘If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the baby!’ Why don’t you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve your neighbor, for what you do for your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself.”*

*—Martin Luther, The Christmas Sermon (1543)*

**PRELUDE**

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful” & “O Little Town of Bethlehem”*  
Billy Slater, Viola

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Ricardo & Robin Jimenez  
Jeremy, Jonathan

**CAROL No. 134, St. 1 & 2**

*“Joy to the World”*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

**O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news of the Christmas season. God reveals to us the wonders of divine love. For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

**We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.**

**HYMN No. 92**

*“While We Are Waiting, Come”*

WAITING (Cason)

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

*Luke 2:1-20*

**CAROL No. 147, St. 1 & 2**

*“The First Nowell”*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

**SCRIPTURE TOLD IN DRAMA, SONG & DANCE**

*“Carriers of the Light”*

By Jean Anne Shaffermann & Anna Laura Page

**CAROL No. 113, St. 1**

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC & DANCE**

*“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

arr. Charles Callahan

Madison Goodson, Soloist & Jessica Goodson, Piano  
Chloe Wynne, Dancer  
Adriana Pierce, Choreographer

**CAROL No. 122, St. 1 & 2**

*“Silent Night, Holy Night!”*

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
‘Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing “Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!”

**BENEDICTION**

**CAROL**

*“We Wish You A Merry Christmas”*

Bill Slater, Viola

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year  
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin  
We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year

**POSTLUDE**

*“I’ll Be Home for Christmas”*

Kim Gannon & Walter Kent

TRIO: Madison Suk, Emily Wynne, Sarah Wynne

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy

Noel Piercy & Susan Jones

Paul Salierno, Cantor

Ray Liptak & Rob Thiemann, AV Engineers

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