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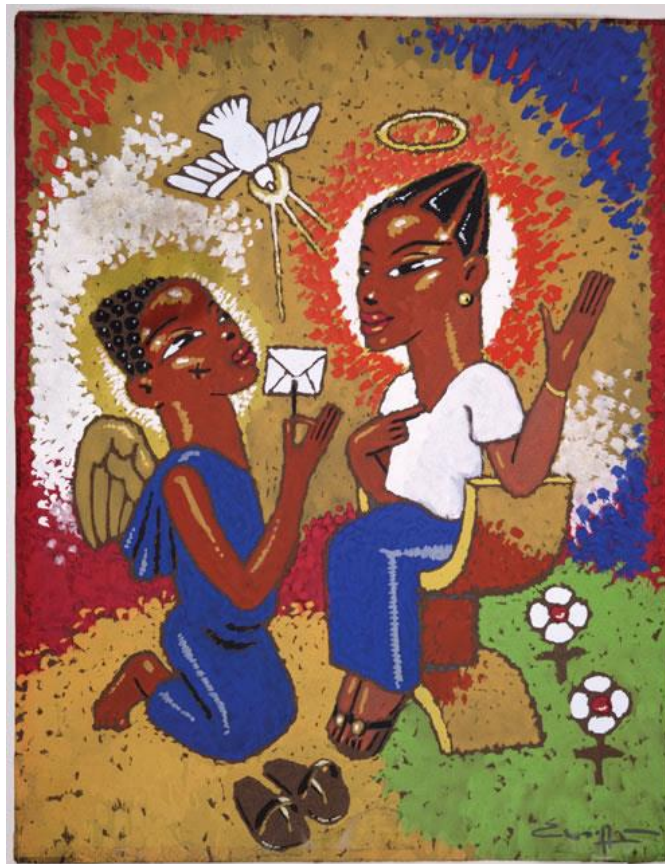
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Fourth Sunday of **ADVENT**



"Annunciation"

by the Nigerian artist Paul Woelfel

December 20, 2020

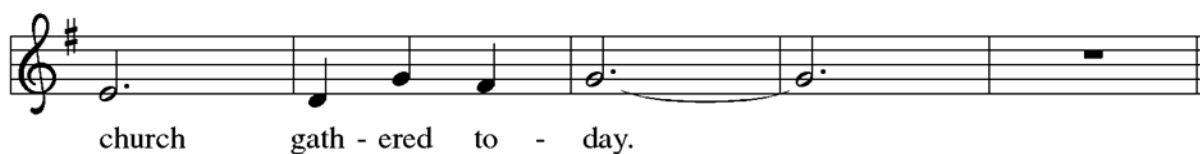
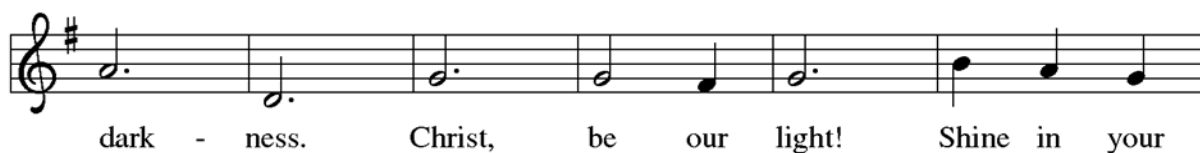
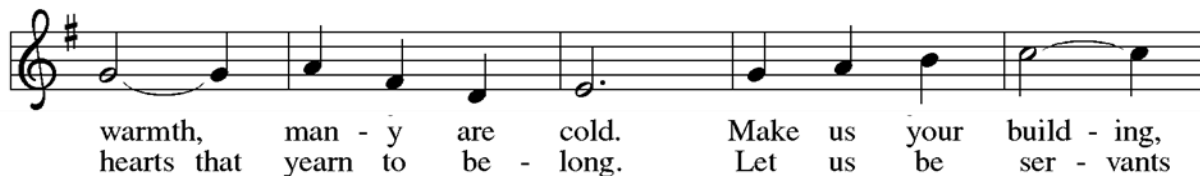
Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...

an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*, arr. Larry Shackley
Advent Wreath Lighting **Christ, Be Our Light**



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Welcome

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
teach us your will and guide our way.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10 (New Living Translation, alt.)

A reading from Isaiah

How beautiful on the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who brings good news,
the good news of peace and salvation,
the news that the God of Israel reigns!

The watchers shout and sing with joy,

for before their very eyes they see the Lord returning to Jerusalem.

Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song,

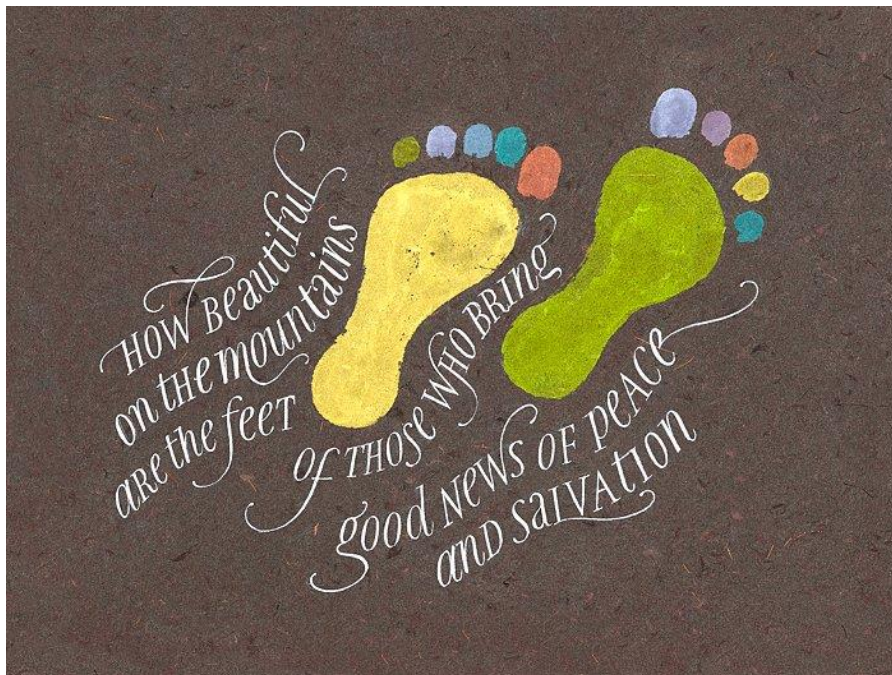
for the Lord has comforted the people,
the Lord has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has demonstrated holy power before the eyes of all the nations.

All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26



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Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.
“I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
‘I will establish your | line forever,
and preserve your throne for all | generations.’”
You spoke once in a vision and said to your | faithful people:
“I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen
out | of the people.
I have found Da- | vid my servant;
with my holy oil have I a- | nointed him.
My hand will | hold him fast
and my arm will | make him strong.
No enemy | shall deceive him,
nor shall the wicked | bring him down.
I will crush his | foes before him
and strike down | those who hate him.
My faithfulness and steadfast | love are with him,
and he shall be victorious | through my name.
I will set his hand | on the sea,
and his right hand | on the rivers.
He will say to me, ‘You | are my father,
my God, and the rock of | my salvation.’

Duet on first section, then **all** join in

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

All:

1.3. My ——— soul pro - claims your
 2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
 down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

you,
 heart, You have looked with love on your
 You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
 won-drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

fine last time

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Message

HEARING MARY'S SONG AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME

Ministry of Music

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Brian Chung
Kathy Rapp



Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Kristi Hildebrand's grandmother Hazel Plice, Ken Jones, Skye Andre, Michelle Clemence's roommate Courtney, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Ruth Murray's brother Allen Harju.

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This is the table of Emmanuel – a place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God’s time, and work to build God’s Kingdom. A place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence because here it is Emmanuel who watches for our coming, and who waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice and peace, for which we now pray as Jesus taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Sharing the Meal



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the dreaming times to re-imagine the world; may we inhabit and use the quiet times to discover your patterns. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the quickening times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born

with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924
Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol



Blessing

Announcements

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying, arr. John Carter

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Adult Sunday School

10 am Sundays

Via ZOOM



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ____?

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting

Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hqd1dQR3lUbjdVYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09>

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885

Passcode: 043099

Phone only: 646 876 9923



Tuesdays 1- 2:30 pm

The Book of Genesis

We'd love to have you join us via
ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87137366983?pwd=T0NoUU5ORmNYN1YrajhpZ2hGR09pdz09>

Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983

Passcode: 619946

Phone only: 646 876 9923



***Journaling
Workshop
7-8:30 pm
4th Tuesdays
Via ZOOM***



Birthdays this week:

21 - Kolya Larson

24 - Julianne Johnson

25 - Doug Eakin

26 - Emily Kent

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro
ASL Interpreter	Tori Reed
Reader	Jon Disbro
Cantor	Jennifer Young
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent

*Flowers are dedicated by **Jennifer Young** in memory of her father-in-law **Robert Young**.
Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 20 - 27

Today	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00 pm	ZOOM Journaling Workshop
Thursday	7:00 pm	ZOOM Christmas Open House
	7:30 pm	YOUTUBE Christmas Eve Worship & ZOOM Candlelight Service
Friday	10:00 am	Zoom Christmas Morning Worship
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



Christmas Eve Worship

*Join us for Christmas Eve worship as we gather together over Zoom. At **7 pm**, you can join the Zoom link as we gather for fellowship. We'll be able to see other to share greetings and updates. At **7:30**, Pastor Dave will share his screen which allows all of us to watch the worship video of our Christmas Eve service together. At the end of that service, we will all come back together on our individual screens for the candlelight singing of "Silent Night." **Have a candle ready to light!** Pr. Dave will read a section of scripture about the coming of light, and Julie Larson will sing "Silent Night" to bring our shared worship to a close.*

All you need to do is connect with Zoom and we'll take care of the rest! If you are unable to connect with us on Zoom on Christmas Eve, the worship video will also be posted on YouTube to watch as you have done in the past. Contact Pr. Dave if you have any questions.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81806769508?pwd=RkhBVGFpYTA2dHJ4bjE4NC9YT3h3UT09>

Meeting ID: 818 0676 9508 – Passcode: 924489 – Phone only: 646 876 9923