

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.—December 6, 2020

1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TONAWANDA

Rev. Leslie Latham, Pastor

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Rev. Rebecca Chaffee, Interim Pastor

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Rev. Dorothy Pearman, Pastor

GATHERING

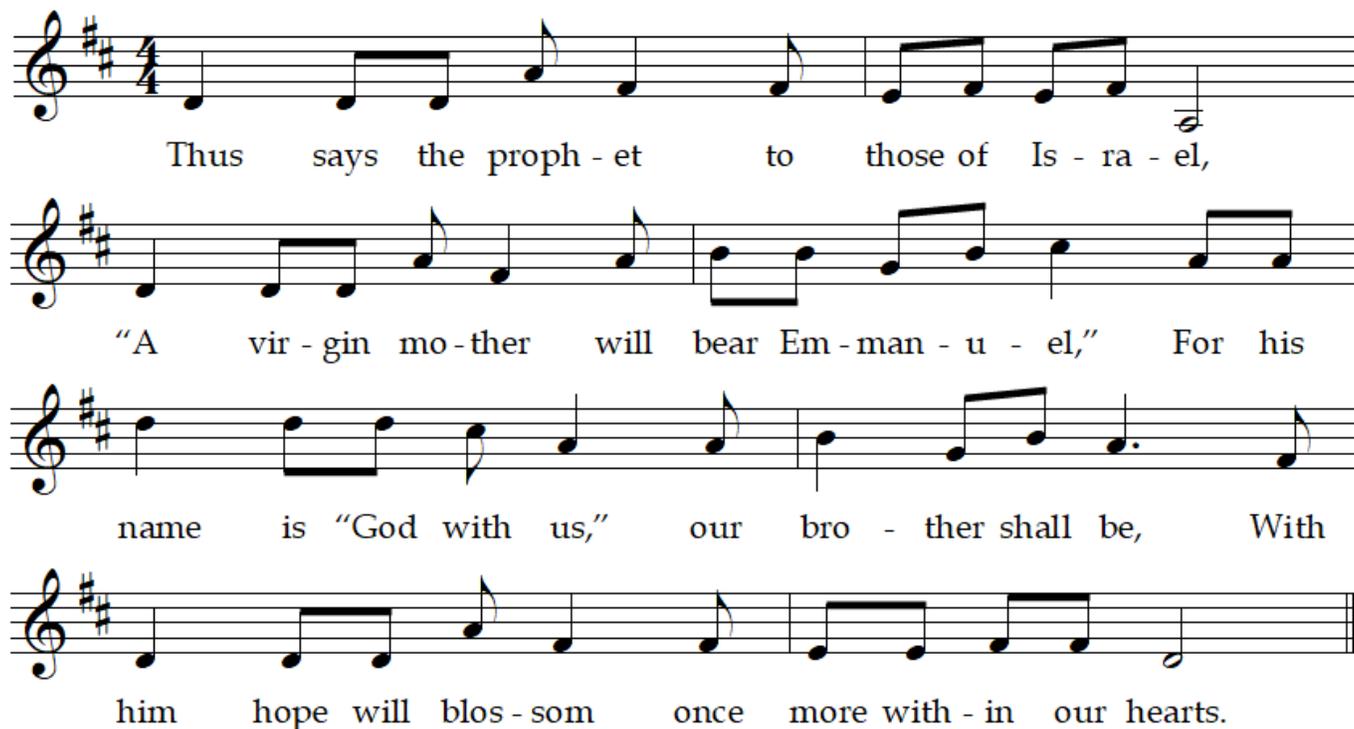
WELCOME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ADVENT SONG (UMC 210)

“All Earth is Waiting” (vs. 2)

TAULÈ



Thus says the proph-et to those of Is-ra-el,
“A vir-gin mo-ther will bear Em-man-u-el,” For his
name is “God with us,” our bro-ther shall be, With
him hope will blos-som once more with-in our hearts.

PRELUDE

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Naomi Boyle, piano

Polish Folk Tune

Arr. Heather Sorenson

Please respond with those portions of the liturgy printed in *bold italics*.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

Peace is God's hope for us; salvation is God's gift to us .

See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

***Righteousness is the path to the kingdom;
faithfulness is the highway we build .***

Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

Prepare God's way; the Christ is coming to redeem us .

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christine Sine

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

***We confess that whatever our fine might have been that it has been paid,
God of Comfort,***

yet we still insist on earning our way into your heart.

We confess that you are beyond patient with us,

but wish you would act quickly against those who hurt us.

We confess that while your word will stand forever,

it is our words of pain and anger that cause long term harm to others.

Your Messenger has come, Approaching God,

crying out of your forgiveness and hope.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you speak to us:

not of punishment, but of peace;

not of judgment, but of justice;

not of a sentence, but salvation.

And we offer our hearts in thanksgiving and hope.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News God speaks to you:

I love you; I forgive you; I restore you to new life.

We will not ignore the fact that God comes:

not to condemn, but to comfort us;

not to scold, but to speak tenderly to us of hope, of love, of joy.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (GtG 133)

“O Come All Ye Faithful” (vs. 2)

ADESTE FIDELES

True God from true God, Light from light eternal,

born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Very God, begotten, not created!

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THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 40:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**TIME WITH CHILDREN****ANTHEM**

"Little Drummer Boy"
Emma Haupt, piano/voice

Harry Simeone, Henry Onorati
& Katherine Davis

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Rev. Rebecca Chaffee

HYMN 136 (online only)*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"***GO TELL IT****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**RESPONSE: Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.*****LORD'S PRAYER**

Traditional

***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.***

CHORAL AMEN (GTG 108)*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"* (vs. 6)**DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM**

***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.***

CALL TO THE OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

Kurt Ebsary

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DOXOLOGY (GtG 113)

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

***Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be ever and eternally.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We pray, Holy God,
that our gifts might smooth the path of those who walk in grief,
might surround the grieving with comfort,
might feed the hungry,
and bring others into places of peace and safety. Amen.***

THE EUCHARIST (THANKSGIVING)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Now, in this holy season of Advent, God comes to be with you.

God comes to be with you as well.

As we begin our journey to Bethlehem, let us open our hearts to God..

For God will fill them with strength and courage for the journey.

Let us join our voices in singing praise to God.

We will lift glad songs of joy to the One who is coming to us.

When you were tired of waiting, God-of-the-first-moment,
you tore open chaos, so creation might flow unimpeded...

With those who try never to turn away, and those who call on your name,
we sing your praises this day:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who comes to us.

All creation gives thanks to you, always.

Glory to you in the highest!

Blessed is the One who gathers us to you.

Glory to you in the highest!

In your holiness, you could have stood apart from us, God of compassion and hope,
but in your love, you came to us to be one of us in Jesus...

With those who are always alert, and with those who are drowsy from waiting,
we proclaim that mystery which is our faith:

Christ died, giving his life as he called to you;

Christ was raised, resurrection love shining the way;

Christ will come, to gather us from every time and place.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

You have fed us with the bread of life,

and renewed us for your service.

Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,

to be his faithful disciples

so that we may offer our gifts of love

to our needy brothers and sisters in the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 143 (online only)

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

CHARGE

As you were present with us through your Word, O God:

May we be present to others who will come to us this week.

As you fed us with peace, Bread of Life:

May we grace others with your peace in the coming days.

As you welcomed us to your Table, Spirit of hope:

May we welcome those you send us who have no hope.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

"Lully, Lullay"

Naomi Boyle, piano

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Arr. Cindy Berry

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

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136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain $\text{♪} = \text{♪}^3 \text{♪}$

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

to Refrain

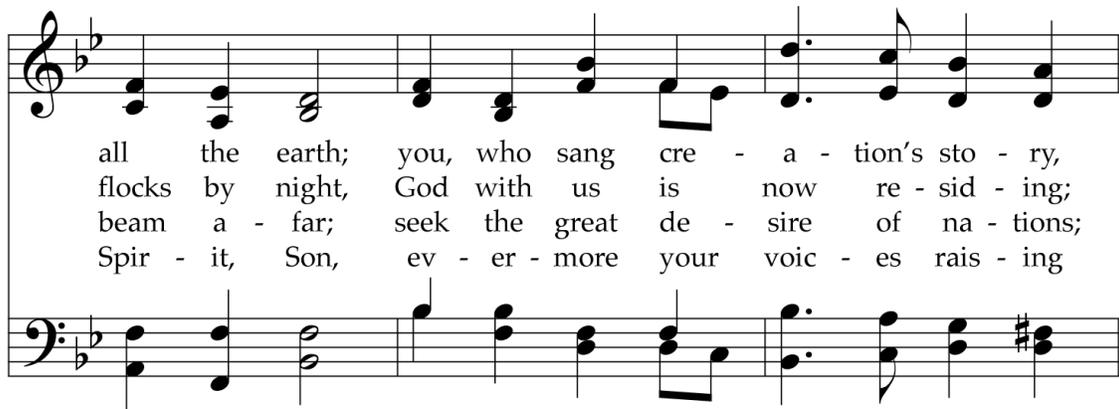
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory



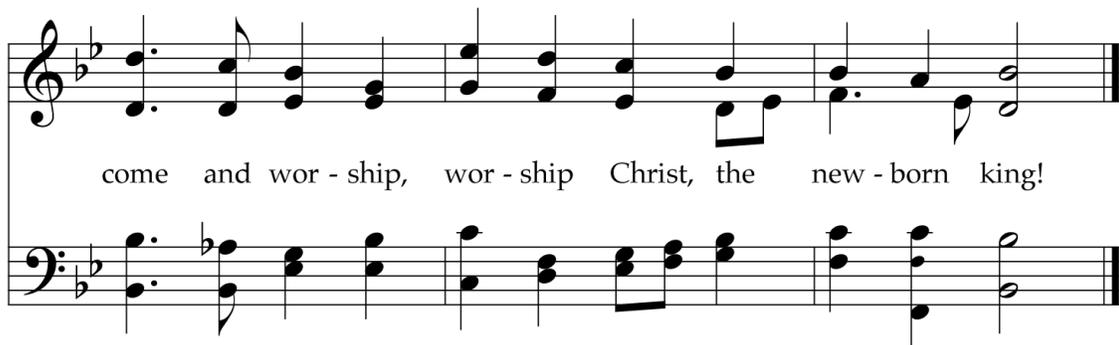
1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."