

December 18, 2022 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Light One Candle" (N. Sleeth)

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.

He brings love to every heart, He comes, He comes.

He brings love to every heart, He comes, He comes. (repeat)

Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Don and Meta Tulley

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Sing for Joy all the Earth! Worship the Lord with gladness!

People: Let us come and bring the Lord our songs of praise.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God, God made us and we are the sheep of God's pasture.

People: Let the whole world resound with praises to God. Amen.

"Sing Noel!" (E. Carswell/M. O'Brien; arr. J. Rouse)~ Committed and the Celebration Choir

"How Far" (M. Redman/C. Eaton; arr. D. Wise)

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #123 ~ *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* (v. 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 heaven's all gracious King":

the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Offering Prayer

Offertory #658 ~ *"God Is So Good"*

Good is so good; Good is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Isaiah 7:10-16

"Noel" (C. Tomlin/E. Cash/M. Redman; arr. J. Rouse)

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 1:18-25

Message ~ “Coming Soon: Saving Love, Unexpected Way”

“Adore” (G. Kendrick/M. Chalk; arr. J. Rouse)
“His Name Shall Be” (M. Redman/J. Myrin; arr. J.D. Smith)

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”
***Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.***

The Lord’s Prayer ~ *in unison*

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

“All Belong Here”~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many
***Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.
At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding’s ok.
At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.***

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #145 ~ “What Child Is This”

Presentation of the Star ~ Gwen Achterhof

***Benediction**

***Choral Response #113** - *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (refrain)
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Postlude

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Christmas Eve Worship @ 4:00PM; Christmas Day Worship @ 10:15AM.

The office will be closed on December 26 and 27. New Year's Day Worship @10:15AM.

The office will be closed on January 2 and 3.

From Kathy Potter..."A Big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in ROMANS 12:4 Cookies for Crossroads Farm event last Sunday! If you baked, assembled, or prayed...thank you! Our goal of assembling 125 cookie decorating kits as a gift and blessing to the at-risk rural youth served by this ministry was once again surpassed!!! We put together 129 full kits, 16 extra boxes of one dozen cookies each, and even had some other varieties of cookies donated to grace their snack table! I would like to share a conversation I had enroute to the cookie drop off site. Some of you may know Joyce Cieslak, a friend and musician who played the organ & piano for St. Paul's some years back. Joyce & her husband Ron are key organizers in this Christmas gift ministry & initiated our involvement years ago. Joyce called me on my way with the cookies to ask how we did. When I told her our numbers above, she said, "I believe we have a miracle!" The other group who creates these kits along with us were short some kits & our surplus met the need! Praise God! He worked through two groups, separately, to produce just what was needed! Thank you all for your willingness to serve. Please continue to pray for the ministry of Crossroads Farm, that they will be able to share the Good News of the Gospel, as well as the blessing of yummy cookies, with these young people!

Stewardship update: General Fund pledges: 40 units @ \$126,893.00; Building Fund pledges: 21 units @ \$24,270.00. The budget goal for 2023 is \$225,000.00. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so.

REMINDER: ALL offerings and special donations to be credited for 2022 must be received **no later than December 29**. There is a secure mailbox at the church where donations may be dropped off. **ALL** donations to the Board of Deacons and/or to the Foundation must be payable by separate check made directly to the Deacons or to the Foundation. Their accounts are **SEPARATE** from the St. Paul's account.

2022 Giving Tree: The collection of **NEW** children's books for COTS in Detroit will continue through Sunday, January 8th. The books may be left in the baskets in the lobby by the fireplace Christmas tree display! These will not be delivered to COTS until mid-January, so no Christmas/seasonal books please. We will be collecting books for infant - elementary aged children. Give the gift of reading this season!

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham
Rita Czanko ~ cousin of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

145 What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

