

SCRIPTURE READINGS
LUKE 1:26-38 & MATTHEW 1:18-25

SERMON

“GOD’S RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILY - MARY AND JOSEPH”
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

#230, v. 1 & 4
WORDS BY PHILLIPS BROOKS
MUSIC BY LEWIS H. REDNER
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1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING

#240, v. 1 & 3
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY
MUSIC BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN
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1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

POSTLUDE
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
JOANNE BARRETT & RON E. LONG



Communion is available and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.

“God’s Relationship with Family - Mary and Joseph”



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&
Matthew 1:18-25**

December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday Worship Service with Noisy Offering
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
HOW GREAT OUR JOY
TRADITIONAL MELODY
ARR. BY HUGO JUNGST

**WELCOME HOME!
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS
CHILDREN’S CHOIR
TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Tell the timid to take heart.

Congregation: The Lord our God is coming!

Leader: We wait for the word of the Lord’s we wait for the rains



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And our God shall come down upon us like gentle dew.

The hills and the mountains will be singing praise to God.

Every tree in the forest will be clapping its hands. The Lord will come and rule forever. Amen.

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ISAIAH 9:6-7**

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. 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.

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

***HYMN OF PRAISE COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS**

#196
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY
MUSIC BY ROWLAND H. PRICHARD
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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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

#211, v. 2 & 4
WORDS & MUSIC BY C.D. MARTIN & W.S. MARTIN
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2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of thy people be; before thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on thy mercy call. [Refrain]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS WITH NOISY OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM

STILL, STILL, STILL
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
TRADITIONAL AUSTRIAN CAROL

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF FAITH ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

#220
WORDS BY JAMES MONTGOMERY
MUSIC BY HENRY T. SMART
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1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]
3. Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]
4. Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]