

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1:1-33
MATTHEW 1:18-35

SERMON

“THE GENEROSITY OF GOD’S LOVE THROUGH
ZACHARIA & ELIZABETH AND MARY & JOSEPH”

REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

*HYMN OF INVITATION

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

UMH #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.

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

UMH #238, v 1

WORDS AND MUSIC TRADITIONAL FRENCH CAROL

ARR. BY EDWARD SHIPPEN BARNES

HARM. BY AUSTIN C. LOVELACE

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

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

POSTLUDE

JOY TO THE WORLD

BY ISAAC WATTS



“The Generosity of God’s Love Through Zacharia & Elizabeth and Mary & Joseph”

Luke 1:1-33

Matthew 1:18-25

December 10, 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent
Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM



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have been blessed for anyone who would like
to partake after church service is completed.*

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Our Mission is to Grow and Serve in Christ

ORDER OF WORSHIP

NURSERY IS PROVIDED (BIRTH - 4 YEARS OLD) IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING

PRELUDE

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

BY KEN BARKER

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

GOOD KING, WENCESLAS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

BY JOHN RIGGIO AND PAUL JENNINGS

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [Mark 1:4]

Congregation: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ the Way. May the Word sent from God through the prophets lead us to the way of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

THE FIRST NOEL

UMH #245, v 1, 2 & 4

WORDS & MUSIC TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

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1. The first Noel 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.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

2. 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. [Refrain]

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Congregation: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER *BE THOU MY VISION*

UMH #451, v 1 & 2

WORDS BY MARY E. BYRNE

MUSIC BY CARLTON R. YOUNG

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1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94, UMH

WORDS BY MARTIN LUTHER

ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*

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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

PREPARE YE THE WAY

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

BY MARK BURROWS

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH CATHY SCOTT TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

UMH #214, v. 1, 2, & 4

WORDS BY MARTIN LUTHER

MUSIC BY J S BACH

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1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home! Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood; by the Spirit of our God was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

4. God the Father is his source, back to God he runs his course; down to death and hell descends, God's high throne he re-ascends.