

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Angels We Have Heard on High” Mary McDonald

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn: #129 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout” Irish melody
Alyssa and Sarah Keenan

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #101 “No Wind at the Window” (to the tune of 114) (see insert)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46b-55

46b “My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he had looked with favor on
the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the
powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped this servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Sermon: **To Magnify the Lord**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ
Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #147 “The First Nowell” (vs. 1,2,4,6)

1. The first Nowell 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:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
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)*

6. Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. *(Refrain)*

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Robert Hobby

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

The Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of James Weaver
Given by his family

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Dick & Debbie Sindall

Thanks to all the people who helped make our **Bonbons** this year and to the people who purchased them. A special thanks to Loretta McClarigan for selling some of them in her shop. We made and sold 147 dozen and raised \$990.50 for the fundraising fund.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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