

# Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019 10:15 AM

\*Please rise as able

## -- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude arranged by Hopson

### **“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”**

Choral Beginning by Park

*“Everyone who longs for the boundless love of God,  
everyone who hopes for the coming of God’s peace,  
The Lord God who created all things beautiful and good  
loves you more than you can ever fully know.”*

The Light of God Enters

Advent Candle Lighting – *The Fait and Auker Families*

Reader 1: This Advent season, we remember the adventures of Joseph, Zechariah, Simeon, and Mary, passed down from long ago in Holy Scripture. These narratives are signs that God shall always care for us. May they remind us of God’s love for God’s people.

Reader 2: These stories proclaim the truth of God’s faithfulness in and through Jesus Christ. This morning, we light the first candle, the brown candle, which represents Joseph. In Matthew it says that after Joseph had heard that Mary was pregnant with a child, an angelic messenger appeared to him and told him “Do not be afraid.”

*Light the first candle*

Reader 2: Joseph chose not to give into his fear and instead followed God. We place Joseph this morning as we remember his story and his place in God’s story.

*Place the first Nativity Figure*

**People: God, help us to not be afraid. Help us to know that you are the one who works out all things for your glory and purpose. Restore us, God of hosts: let your face shine that we may be saved.**

\*Hymn

Hymnal No. 71

## **“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”**

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, today we begin our advent journey with you. We remember that in the midst of the hustle and bustle of this Christmas season, the advent season is a witness to God’s hope for us. Yet, like Joseph, we sometimes need to be convinced of God’s faithfulness. Forgive us for not always seeing your beauty and your purpose in every moment of our lives. Help us to not be afraid, and to look for the angels in our lives that will deliver God’s good word for us every day.**

We Offer Our Own Confessions in Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Angel said to Joseph: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.”

**People: This Son is God’s gift of grace to us, and through him we are redeemed. Thanks be to God!**

\*Response

Grove Songbook Pg. 17

**“Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.”**

\*Passing of the Peace

## -- Receiving the Word --

Children’s Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (OT Page 540)

Psalm 80:1-7

New Testament Lesson (NT Page 1)

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

**“Joseph’s Fear and The Angel’s News”**

\*Hymn

Hymnal No. 508

## **“Come to the Table”**

## -- Responding to the Word --

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Hymnal Pg. 35

**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, for ever.  
Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

May God be with you.      **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.      **We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Breaking of Bread      Communion of the People  
*(Please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may partake together.)*

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Selves

Offertory      arranged by De Silva

### **“Winter”**

*Based on Gustav Holst’s “In the Bleak Midwinter”*

\*Offertory Response      Insert

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn      Hymnal No. 110

### **“Love Has Come”**

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction

*“Everyone who worships God and sings glad songs of praise,  
Everyone who follows God’s good and holy way,  
The Lord God who created all things beautiful and good  
loves you more than you can ever fully know.”*

\*The Light of God Goes with Us into the World

\*Postlude      by Telemann

### **“Be of Good Courage”**

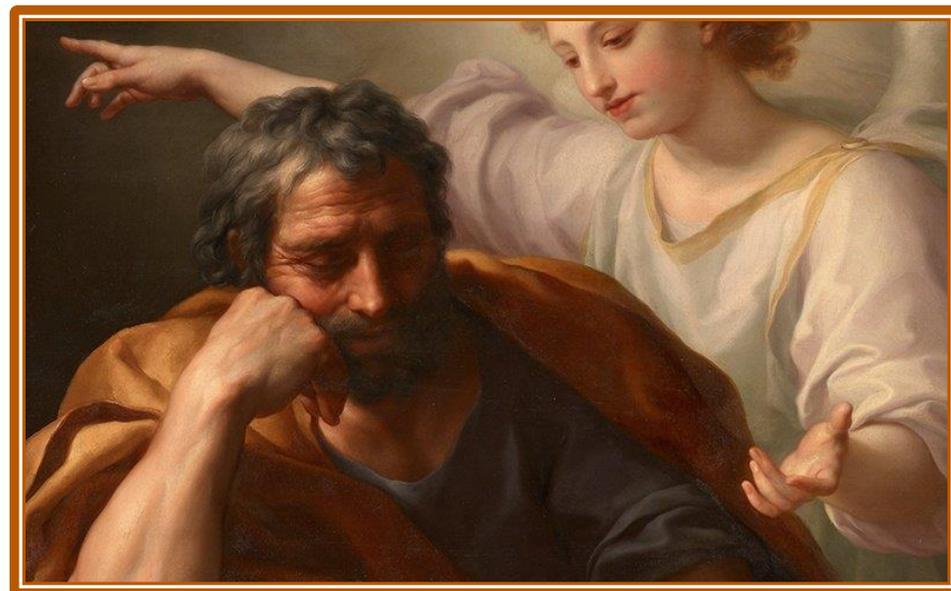
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Participants in today’s service: Greg Bitler (worship leader), Savannah Notz and Charlotte Clapper (junior deacons), Gary Christian, Vivian Wertz and Mitch Welliver (deacons), Senior Choir (choral beginning and benediction), Dave Betz, Beth Christian, Mary Ellen Doll, Natalie Kupas and Francy Moyer (communion elders), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper (pastor). Next week’s sermon: *“The Stones Will Cry Out”*



**Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary**

*from franciscanmedia.org*

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