



Grove Presbyterian Church

Worship Service
4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021 10:15 AM

*Worshippers are invited to sing and read text and lyrics printed in **bold type**. Standing is invited wherever you see an asterisk (*). Please wear a mask whenever indoors.*

Gathering Music

“Little Drummer Boy”

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

“Still, Still, Still”

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

For all is hushed, the world is sleeping,

Holy Star its vigil keeping,

Still, still, still, one can hear the falling snow.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

The night is peaceful all around you,

Close your eyes, let sleep surround you,

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'tis the eve of our Saviour's birth.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come,

While guardian angels without number

Watch you as you sweetly slumber.

Dream, dream, dream of the joyous day to come.

Advent Candle Lighting

Choir: *All creation lies in waiting, in the stillness of the night, with hope anticipating the Advent of Eternal Light.*

One: Where do we proclaim hope?

**All: On hillsides and valleys, in villages and cities;
Go tell it everywhere.**

One: How do we proclaim hope?

All: In lament and in song. In sighs too deep for words and jubilant exclamation. With the Spirit of the Lord upon us, bringing good news to all.

One: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to proclaim hope.

All Sing:

**We proclaim with hope for the morning Light,
for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.
We proclaim with joy for the Savior's birth;
we proclaim with hope for peace on earth.**

*Gathering Hymn

Hymnal no. 119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you are always with us and always coming. We confess that we do not know how to truly prepare our lives for that reality. We have forgotten how to hope. We have ignored your promises. We

have been distracted by the busyness of us. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the courage of the magi, and the quiet faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them toward Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Amen

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news that is proclaimed today and every day. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Advent Doxology



Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son, glo-ry
to the Ho-ly Spir-it, glo-ry to the Three-in-One. Here we of-fer to you
glad-ly all the gifts that you im-part, as we
glo-ry in your Pre-sence, giv-ing from a grate-ful heart.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 25:8-13

New Testament Reading

Luke 4:16-21

Sermon

"Hope is Coming"

Musical Offering

by Lindsey Stirling

"Carol of the Bells"

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

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.

*Sending Hymn

Hymnal no. 110

"Love Has Come"

*Blessing

*Choral Blessing

*Born in the night, Mary's Child,
a long way from your home;*

*coming in need, Mary's Child,
born in a borrowed room.*

*Hope of the world, Mary's Child,
you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child,
walk in our streets again.*

Postlude

by Henry Balcombe

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Christmas 2020 was very different than many of us had ever experienced. Because our worship was not in-person, we wanted to symbolically include everyone as having a presence in the Sanctuary; we did this by decorating our Sanctuary trees with handmade family name ornaments.

You're invited to find your family's ornament to take home as a reminder of God's presence and faithful care for us through hard times, and a symbol of hope for each new day.

The ornaments are on the trees in Fellowship Hall.

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- Carol of the Bells (ASCAP).

Participants in today's service: Kessey Kieselhorst (worship leader), Vivian Wertz, Scott Romberger, Jen Henning (deacons), Troop 4077 (Advent candle), Senior Choir, Adam Zakarian (music), Lauren Hauer of Karen Gronsky School of Dance (dance), Lynne Pabst (children's sermon), Scott Lawvere (audio/video), Joy Christian (organist), Rev. Jason Clapper

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1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The herald angels sing, 'Glo-ry to the new-born king!'". The score is written for a piano accompaniment, featuring a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, aligned with the corresponding notes of the melody.

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)

F Dm7 Gm7 C



1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F



Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."



Flowers today are given by David and Marilyn Cutright to the glory of God, in memory of Richard and May Barth.

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