

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Still, Still, Still”

Joseph Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

HYMN # 96

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand; our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 126:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:46b-55

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

GOSPEL READING

John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON

Being A Willing Servant

Rev. Daniel Kreiss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN # 123

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!

And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

arr.: Lloyd Larson

This morning we again welcome the Rev. Daniel Kreiss to the virtual pulpit. Dan, along with his wife Cindy, has given his career to Christian ministry in a variety of contexts, both internationally and domestically. Dan just accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor for Mission Outreach at Roswell Presbyterian church in Atlanta and will begin in the new year.

First ever **Drive In Caroling on Sunday, December 20th from 5 – 6 PM** in the parking lot! Drive up and tune in to sing Christmas carols along with other, socially distanced in our cars. Song sheets and where to find us on the FM dial will be provided when you arrive!!

TODAY AT COVENANT:

In the Pulpit:
Organ/piano:
Euphonium:
Liturgist:

Rev. Daniel Kreiss
Jessica Siple, Music Director
Christian Zembower
Lucas Schmidt

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