

She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21

December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

* If you are able, please stand.

Prelude

Gloria: Allegro vivace

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to all people. We praise you, we bless you.
We worship you. We glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory.*

Lighting of Advent Candles

Amanda, Dennis, and Emma Landolt

* **Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

People: We wait for a baby to be born; a child filled with the Holy Spirit.

Leader: We wait for a baby to be born, in whose presence we know
God-is-with-us.

People: We watch while the glory of God fills the sky.

* **Hymn 133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

Confession and Pardon

The Rev. Sarah Green

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Sovereign God, you are both tender and mighty—a shepherd we can trust. You call to us and gather us. You feed us and bid us rest in your care. Still we fear the world around us and fail to seek your help when we are lost. Still we struggle against you—refusing your comfort and ignoring your commands. Renew us and restore us, Lord of hosts. Show us the light of your face, that we may be saved. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 84, v. 4

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditdor Alme Siderum

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Leader: Come let us return to God.

People: We have been broken, but God has healed us.

Leader: We have been stricken, but God has bound our wounds.

People: Our God forgives us, revives us, and raises us up to life.

*** Response: Hymn 113, *refrain*** Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

* Passing of the Peace

A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

Reception of New Members

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7; 17-19 (Old Testament, page 511)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Gloria: Andante

John Rutter

The Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

Emily Gaffney, Deborah Fallon, Elise Figa, sopranos

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-23 (New Testament, page 1)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Presence”

Rev. Smazik

* Hymn 140

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Prayer cards will be collected with the offering. Donations may be made online through our website.)

Offertory

Gloria: Vivace e ritmico

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For you only are holy; you only art the Lord; you only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* Doxology (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

* Hymn 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

* Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare in D Major

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Kevin Graf, organ

PARTICIPATING in the service today are the Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; the Chancel Choir and the Instrumental Ensemble.
The acolytes are Dan Alessio and Hanna Neil.

The Instrumental Ensemble

Trumpets: Garth Greenup, Caleb Laidlaw, Gerry Wright, Daniel Reardon;
Horn: Kathleen Ditmer; Trombones: Tim Sessions, Dean Plank; Tuba: Steve Johns
Percussion: Paul Oster, Steve Hess; Organ: Kevin Graf

GREETING YOU this morning are Cheryl and Bruce Smith, and Janice and Fred Figa.

USHERS: Ray Stark, head usher, Gretchen Doner, Ethan May, Karen May,
Barbara Parke, Richard Parke, and Nora Stark.

Our FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS today are Brenda and Clarence Curry.

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK: For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.

The Nursery School is closed for Christmas break.

Monday, Dec. 19

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Office closes at noon.*

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No Bible Study or Noon Chapel Service (see below)*

Schedule Notes: Please mark your calendars.

- The Wednesday Bible Study and Noon Chapel Service will resume on March 1, Ash Wednesday.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26, and on Monday, January 2.
- No Midweek, Choir rehearsals, Youth group meetings on December 28.
- Nursery School, church office, and Midweek will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, regular schedules.
- Nursery School registration will be held on Friday, January 13 (Priority), and Friday, January 20 (Open).

Welcome

We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.

Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
 - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
 - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday Worship Service at Noon in the Chapel**



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