

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Scripture for Meditation

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people." Luke 2:10

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Cradle Song* William Kirkpatrick

Opening Sentences (Luke 10)

Leader: While by the sheep we watched at night,

People: Glad tidings brought an angel bright.

Leader: There shall be born in Bethlehem, a child today.

People: How great our joy! Joy! Joy! Joy!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Kind and gentle Savior - help us today to catch the excitement of the angels of long ago, who could not contain their joy and sang: Glory to God in the Highest and earth, peace, and goodwill toward all. In Your loving name we pray, Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Angels, from the Realms of Glory vs. 1&2* Insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving Father, today we find ourselves so self-absorbed. The pandemic has us afraid, our nation is deeply divided, and we do not know how to turn our thoughts to You. Forgive our preoccupation with the things of this world and help us to use this time to reset our faith compass on You and on our precious Savior who came in the midst of trouble but reigns that troubles may not have the last word. In Jesus name, Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs 4)*

O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath *(Light two purple and one pink)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 8

SPECIAL MUSIC *There's a Song in the Air* Westminster Bells

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me!*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

SERMON *The Original Songs of Christmas: The Angel's Song*

Rev Dr. Katie Hopper

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, Mold me, Fill me, Use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Traditional)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His Only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE HYMN *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* Insert

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People's Response *Hear Our Prayer O Lord*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* Insert

THE CHARGE

BENEDICTION

THE PARTING

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE *The Savior Is Born* Benton Price

Should you have a joy or concern to share, please call the manse number and leave a message for Pastor Katie by Saturday night. CCLI 11332027

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Katie Hopper

Ministers: All church members

Sunday, December 13, - Sunday, December 20, 2020

Our Prayer List Today Includes:

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| Pahk5Nan, Thailand | Our Country & All In Service | Jeff Gearhart | Ken Rodgers | |
| Ilene Millard | Dick Jackson | Barb Belko | Chuck | Lorie Slabon |
| Dawn O'Rourke | Mike Marcinko | Leslie Rapsey | Thomas | Robert Diviney |
| Taylor Bowman | Dana Ecklund | Sharon Kizina | Lynn Gourley | Gary Rishel |
| Richard Patterson | Nichole Ellenberger- Bagley | Janey McElwee- Smith & boys | Julie Wisniewski | Eleanor Virginia Lynn |
| Rege Rangers | Dick Washic | Sharon Nixon | Sherry Kizina | Kellie Vaux |
| Connie Bainey | Allison Lyons | Todd Jeffries | Carson | Gertie Clyde |
| Bill Carbone | Bill Sisson | June Rebar | Dan Ryder | Jack Leonard |
| Kelly Watson | Megan Harper | Trya Cantdina | All Nurses | Gene Dixon |
| Tracey Ray | Brian McConnell | Bonnie Jackson | Chris Harner | Katie Cowfer |
| Nan Moeschbacher | Nancy & Amy Baughman | Christopher & Janelle Rainey | Ridgeview Elder Care | S.T. McCullen |
| Lindsey Bordas | Leo Kalinosky | Keno Beezer | Trina Shirey | Susan Carns |
| Ethan Reed | Linda Daniels | Jess Fosselman | Caleb Strouse | Amy Churner |
| Bill Baughman | Andrea Starner | Betty Gingerich | Will Rishel | |

Please remember in prayer those unable to be present today, and the following churches in our Presbytery: Tyrone congregation, Rev. Mark Liller, Pastor; Rev. Doug McGaffin, Moderator; Church choirs, directors & musicians

Announcements

The 2020 Advent Devotionals by the Clearfield & First Presbyterian Churches are available for pick up in the narthex.

Please Send any January 2021 newsletter items to Jill Reed (jillsy1912@gmail.com) by December 22. Thank you!

Please Contact Diane Thomas should you have a name on the prayer list which may be removed.

Announcements continued - page following hymns



Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Katie Kelly Hopper
Organist & Director of Music: Mrs. Sally Laux
Sponsored Missionaries: Rev. Michael & Rachel Ludwig in Niger
Custodian Emeritus: Gary Barnett
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