



**December 20, 2020
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Forth Sunday in Advent

Conventions in this bulletin include: an asterisk () invites you to stand, as health allows, material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say.*

PRELUDE

“Echo Noel” - D’Aquino
“He is Born” - Carol

*HYMN 133

O Come All Ye Faithful

*CALL TO WORSHIP

At every beginning there is a yearning.

O Emmanuel, wake us up to Your coming.

Be born anew in our hearts.

O Emmanuel, wake us up to Your coming.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

RESPONSE

Cantor: Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.

Cantor *All*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Light a can - dle of Love for the com - ing of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

RESPONSE



WELCOME

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow You without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as You have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE (GTG p.95)

Prepare the Way of the Lord

**Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.**

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and power, You are revealed to us in Your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct our attention to Jesus Christ. Illumine us now as we hear Your Word proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to Him, yearn for His coming in glory, and serve Him with joy. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7: 1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 145

What Child is This?

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1: 26-35; 2:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Will Wilson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Ding Dong! Merrily On High" - Near

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in Eexcelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you dutifully prime your Martin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your Evetime song, ye singers: Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

***DOXOLOGY**

**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 THANKSGIVING**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 140**

Once in Royal David's City

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUD

**"Festive Fanfare on 'Angels We Have Heard On High'"
- Laskey**

Worship continues with our service in life.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Will Wilson, Pastor
Gala Eubank Strunk, Organist-Choirmaster
Lindsay Farrow, Preston Orr, Taylor Owens,
Blake Stephens, Choral Ensemble

Session

Class of 2020

Jerry Camp
Ryan Griffin
Debby Leppert
Jan Wylie

Class of 2021

Janie Dickerson
Trey Hattaway
Tom Sartor
Terry Thrower

Class of 2022

David Castles
Brian Johnson
Janie Terrell
Pat Watson

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**The Poinsettias in the Sanctuary for Advent are
in Memory of:**

Frank Brown	Thomas & Waurine Nixon
Nelwyn Collum	Jerry & Shalia Pybas
Lynn Currin	Bill & Imogene Rivers
Winston & June Gardner	Martha Rorschach
Elsie & George Gause	Caroline Ross
Helen Goodwin	Mr & Mrs Sam Ross
Nancy Grisham	Ebbye & Joe John Short
Bill & Jean Hughes	Katherine Smylie
Gore & Betty Kemp	William R Smylie
Lance Harlan Laird	Betty Spradlin
Marion Lightfoot	Edwin G. & Justine Stanley
James E. & Virginia Mankins	Billy Bob & Jane Terrell
John Mobley	J B & Dorothy Watson
Mr & Mr J A Monroe	Linda Watson
Jeff Moore & Family	Bobbie Wylie

And in Honor of:

Lila Currin	Grayson & Emma LaCroix
Kathryn Dean	Sophie Leppert
Joe & Ella Gorman	Jimmy Thrower
Burke Green	Graham & Jack Tyra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 20 - 27

TODAY	10:00 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Outdoor Candlelight Service in the church parking lot
THURSDAY		<i>Christmas Eve</i> Church office closed
FRIDAY		<i>Christmas Day</i> Church office closed
SATURDAY		Saturday Bread – Leppert-Martin
SUNDAY NEXT	10:00 a.m.	Worship in the sanctuary

Joys and Concerns

(*members of FPC; *friends and family of congregation)

* Rexine Burden	* Verner Laird
* Nicholas Little	* Dalton Mixon
* David Nixon	* Tine Zapata
* Raymond Bazinet	* Sylvia Bolding
* Joe Brown	* Tara Castles
* Max Brant Crim	* Linda Curkan
* Legene Gay	* Ashley Haden
* Kenzie Hyatt	* Don Kiser
* Tillman Latham	* Jimmy Love
* Donna Marshall	* Pat McCrory
* Rex McCubbin	* David McElroy
* Dayne Neal	* Larry Perkins
* Bill Pybas	* Charlotte Reed
* Gordon Reed	* Glenda Reid
* Cecelia & Roland Sanders	* Sharon Schoenemann
* Jamie Stephens	* Danny Strickland
* Billie Clower Watson	* Larry & Linda Willis
* Carly Wimberley	

In Service to our Country

Jacob Conner	Brent Duvall
Robert Gray	Gavin Jackson