

December 6th, 2020 Advent 2: Peace

Worship Link: <https://youtu.be/VhgrEkTnOZ4>

PRELUDE: *I wonder as I wander*

Traditional Appalachian carol

CAROL SING:

#144 *'Twas in the moon of wintertime (vs 1&2)*

Huron by Jean de Brebeuf

- ♪ 'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled, that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead; before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.

- ♪ Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found; a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round, but, as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.

#145 *In the bleak mid-winter (vs 1 &4)*

by Christina Rossetti

- ♪ In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

- ♪ What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

#147 *Angels we have heard on high (vs 3&4)*

Traditional French Carol

- ♪ Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. ***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

- ♪ See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, **Joseph**, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. ***Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 32:16-18 (NKJV) (reader: Sudha Variath)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE 2nd ADVENT CANDLE: Peace (Led by Wendy Rolfe)

- (Our advent liturgy is provided by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and attached in your email – this year written by TPC former minister Rev. Kristine O'Brien!! Please join in reading as: "The People" as the words are on the screen or print out the attachment)

Sung Response: #119 (vs 2)

by Brian Wren

- ♪ Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth giving a promise of safety and worth.

Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV) (reader: Sudha Variath)

This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: “Therefore, encourage each other” (1 Thess 4:18)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: (#142 *I wonder as I wander*) Traditional Appalachian carol

Words of Invitation:

Reading: *The Cross in the Manger*

by Ann Weems

(read by Jonathan, Jeanne-Marie, Daniel & Julia Rose Deletsu)

♫ ***I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die - for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.***

Prayer:

Loving God – as we come to your table – we know how much we need you...

♫ ***If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky,
or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing,
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.***

Hear our prayers today Lord as we share in this Advent communion in Dec 2020...

♫ ***I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die - for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.***

The Lord's Prayer & Assurance:

Our father which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever AMEN

Sharing the gifts of Bread and Cup: (Note: we will all eat and drink together)

Music by Andrew Parkin: *Sleepers Wake!* & *Away in a Manger*

Prayer:

HYMN: #141 *Good Christians all rejoice (vs 2&3)* Traditional Latin words, German carol

♫ Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

♫ Good Christians, all rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save,
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE *Comfort, comfort ye my people* Genevan Psalter 1551