



HARVEST Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019

A Service of Worship



Beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30 and ending on the day before Christmas, the season of Advent is observed for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. This is a season in which the Church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again. It is also common for Advent to be observed, in addition to the regular corporate worship services of the Church, through a special service of Lessons & Carols, often on Christmas Eve.



4th Sunday of Advent
Corporate Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering for Worship

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why comes he thus in humble dress, born 'midst the sheep - a Lord, a King?
"Hear," child of sod, "Behold your God!" who with his subjects dwelling.
This, this the Lamb of God: for sinners slain - salvation bought.
Kneel, kneel before the throne, the babe, the son of Mary.

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*As the music continues to play, let us spend a few moments in
personal reflection & prayer. The musicians will direct us
when to join together again in song.*

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So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*Words: Traditional English carol
Music: English Melody, 16th cent.*

The Call to Worship

from *Luke 2.10-14*

Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

Songs of Praise

Of the Father's Love Begotten, no. 162

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, no. 203

The Confession of Faith

John 1.1-5 & 12-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Offering

Luke 1.67-79

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth
of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we,

being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called

the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Song of Response

May the Mind of Christ My Savior, no. 644

The Lord's Supper

The Parting Hymn

Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, our Redeemer.

There is no more for heaven now to give.

He is our joy, our righteousness and freedom,

Our steadfast love, our deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus!

For my life is wholly bound to his.

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but we are not forsaken,

For by our side the Saviour, he will stay.

We labour on in weakness and rejoicing,

For in our need, his power is displayed.

To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.

Through the deepest valley he will lead.

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate we dread, we know we are forgiven,

The future sure, the price, it has been paid.

For Jesus bled and suffered for our pardon,

And he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.

Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.

Oh the chains are released, I can sing, I am free!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With ev'ry breath we long to follow Jesus,

For he has said that he will bring us home.

And day by day we know he will renew us

Until we stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus!

All the glory evermore to him.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren & Rich Thompson, 2018

The Benediction

from Luke 1.67-79

The Lord God of Israel he has visited and redeemed his people, that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Announcements & Reminders

Holiday Schedule

Please note our *Service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve*, beginning at 5pm with a potluck meal to follow. Please arrive no later than 4:45 so that you may get your food dropped off and enter the sanctuary to enjoy the musical prelude. Also note that there will be *no Sunday School* next Sunday, December 29.

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Aaron & Katrina Smith **Jordan & Cathy Horn** (Joshua & Will)
Kaleb & Sarah Kaetterhenry (Chloe & Evelyn)

Missions Conference

Please note the dates for our upcoming Missions Conference: **Jan 31–Feb 2**. Nursery will be provided for the conference. Stay tuned for RSVP information for both meals & nursery.

Harvest Communications

To stay connected with upcoming events & information concerning our life together as a church, send an email to Grant to be included in the **Harvest distro list** (gmbeachy@gmail.com). In addition to this ‘official’ distro list, there is a **Harvest Google Group** for communicating needs or opportunities among one other. To be added to this Harvest Google Group, please contact Micah at mroush1@live.com. Ladies, please join our Facebook group: “**Harvest PCA Women’s Group (Jacksonville, NC)**”.

Nursery Reminders:

Dec 22 – SS: Anna Franklin, Denny Phillips & Gavin Ehrhart

Worship Infant: Bridget & Sophia DiBella, Juliana Smith

Worship Toddler: Lindsey O., Betsy R., Amy M. & Noey R.

Dec 29 – Note: no Sunday School

Worship Infant: Amanda Y., Aubrey M. & Abby Z.

Worship Toddler: Christine & Josh Z., Haiden G. & Brittany S.

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to develop and equip God's people for their calling
to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through
worship, nurture & service.



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