

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 20, 2020



The Nativity, oil on canvas
Gari Melchers (1860-1932) American

Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Prelude *O Come, Little Children*

setting Richard Lind
(b. 1943)

Call to Worship

Robin Nemser

One: For many weeks, we have watched and waited – but the end of our season of holy waiting is near!

All: The prophecies will be fulfilled, for God's promises are kept.

One: Today, we remember the ancient story, hoping that we will glimpse Christ among us anew.

All: Today, we hear the angels say, "do not be afraid!"

One: Today, we join the shepherds to seek our Messiah.

**All: Today, we join our hearts with Mary, to ponder the mystery of God-with-us.
Let us worship God together.**

Hymn 107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

REJOICE, REJOICE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *

Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope for miracles; we have ignored the glimpses of your kingdom, so distracted are we by bad news and our own busy-ness. Forgive us! Grant us the wonder of the shepherds, the wisdom of the Magi, and the courage of Mary, that you might be born again in us. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

O-SO-SO

verses 1-2

1 Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one bod - y.
2 Come now, O God of love; make us one bod - y.
3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
4 Come, hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus; rec-on-cile all peo - ple.

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 583 *Glory to God*

GLORY

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Lighting the Advent Wreath

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Music *Prepare the way*

arr. Ben Logan

Gospel Reading Luke 11:5-13

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



2020 Christmas Pageant

"Open the Door!"

Written by **Susan Johnston**

Directed by **Cat Goodrich**

Cast

Gabriella Anthony

Renatta Anthony

Campbell Burd

Carly Burd

Gabriella Forbes

Melvin Godsey

Gillian Goodrich

Maddie Goodrich

James Herber

Veronica Herber

Nixon Hill

Isabella Hills

Peyton Lemon

Bennett Seavers-Reale

Hudson Seavers-Reale

Ivy Rose Seavers-Reale

Linden Seavers-Reale

Hymn 138 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*

WHITE ROSETTES



Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Fum, fum, fum* (Catalan carol)

setting Richard Lind

Dedication of Self and Substance

Hymn 85 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)

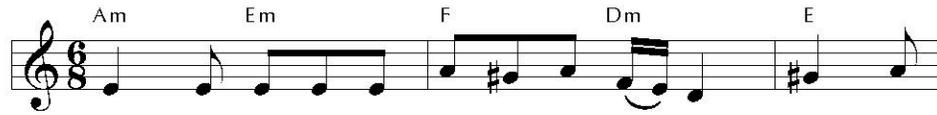
Passing of the Peace

*Adapted from [The Worship Sourcebook](#), Calvin Institute for Christian Worship: Grand Rapids, MI, 2004.

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Faith Kids, *Proclamation of the Word*
Robin Nemser, *Liturgist*
Dimery Mowery, *Soloist*
Leanora Eubanks, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

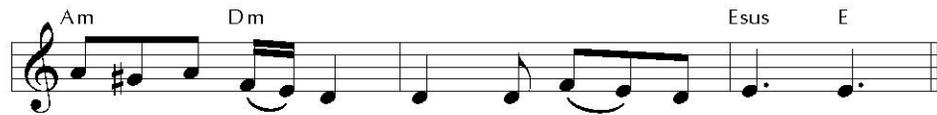
Light One Candle to Watch 85 for Messiah



1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the
 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the



light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall bring sal -
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He shall feed the
 light ban - ish dark - ness. Lift your heads and
 light ban - ish dark - ness. He is com - ing;



va - tion to Is - rael, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
 flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
 lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
 tell the glad ti - dings. Let your light be shin - ing.

This text works best when used incrementally during the four weeks of Advent. It underscores the "waiting" theme of the season and concludes appropriately with reference to Matthew 25:1-13. The tune name meaning "deep in the forest" comes from the opening of a Yiddish love song.

TEXT: Wayne L. Wold, 1984
 MUSIC: Yiddish folk song; arr. Wayne L. Wold, 1984
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 10.7.9.6

107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - pair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/ Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed

1 Who would think that what was need-ed to trans-
 2 Shep-herds watch and wise men won-der; mon-archs
 3 Cen-tu-ries of skill and sci-ence span the

form and save the earth might not be a
 scorn and an-gels sing; such a place as
 past from which we move, yet ex-pe-rience

plan or ar-my, proud in pur-pose, proved in
 none would reck-on hosts a ho-ly help-less
 ques-tions wheth-er, with such prog-ress, we im-

worth? Who would think, de-spite de-ri-sion, that a
 thing. Sta-ble beasts and by-passed strang-ers watch a
 prove. While the hu-man lot we pon-der, lest our

child should lead the way?
 ba-by laid in hay; God sur-pris-es earth with
 hopes and hu-mor fray,

heav-en, com-ing here on Christ-mas Day.