

Vision 2022 –“Love Others!”

Outward Focused Ministry during/after the Pandemic
(To build up a strong and safe community)
Strong in Mission, Strong in Justice, Strong in Diversity

“All the believers were together and had everything in common.” (Acts 2:44)

December 18th, 2022

Sunday School, 9:00 AM

Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

Hybrid Service, 10:15 AM

4th Sunday of Advent (Purple or Blue)

Liturgist: Burt Prins

Sunday School Christmas Program

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Asia LaShelle

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS (Text Pastor Dave, 224-600-0446)

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING (LOVE)

The Law Family

*CALL TO WORSHIP

See! The ruler of earth shall come,

the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our life.

Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all the people:

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

All: The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all. Amen!

*HYMN #238 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

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2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? (Refrain)

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

4 See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison): **Eternal God, in your providence you made all ages a preparation for the kingdom of your Son. Make ready our hearts for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"Manger Tales"

Sunday School

Director: Kris Yingling, Sharon Guillinger

Characters

Larry Prince (talk show host): Ryker McCombie

Doug the donkey: Body Law
Clara the cow: Ellie Johnson
Sam the sheep: Jiwon Yim
Cody the camel: Jisung Yim

Mary – Annika Law
Joseph – Blaine Johnson
Angel – Pearl Michels
Shepherds – Boyd Law, Ellie Johnson
Star – Faith Gonzalez
Wise men – Jiwon Yim, Aiden Michels, Boyd Law

Worship

Leaders: Aidan Michels, Asia LaShelle, Noah Johnson
Scripture Readers: Jiho Yim, Caleb Thornton

Music

Piano Solo, It Came upon a Midnight Clear & Jingle Bells, Ryker McCombie
Saxophone Duet, O Come, All Ye Faithful, Aidan Michels and Jiho Yim
Singing, Go Tell It on the Mountain, Sunday School Kids & Congregation
Singing, Joy to the World, Congregation

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY#95

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison): Holy God of hope and promise: when the children were in deep despair, you promised them a sign, the indication of a Savior coming into their midst. As we bring you our tithes and offerings this day, so many of us are discouraged, trying to find our way. We need your sign, we need your Son, not as simply a reminder of history but as a new direction, a revolution of love that starts in our hearts, a resurrection of compassion that looks beyond self and the accumulation of more and more things that don't satisfy. We need what only a Savior can give us. Guide us by your signs on this day and as we begin the journey to Bethlehem once again. In the Savior's name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #245 "The First Noel"

1 The first Noel the angel did say

was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. [Refrain]

3 And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

4 This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

5 Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton