

FAITH 
COVENANT

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Spreading A Love for God and His Glory

December 20, 2020



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

*“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted,
because they are no more.”*

Matthew 2:18

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:14*

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.

***O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL** - *Hymn #208*

O come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:

(Chorus)

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest:

(Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father late in flesh appearing:

(Chorus)

*Our worship is
a response to
God's initiative.
The pattern of
our worship
reflects the
gospel.*

Advent

The word
"Advent" comes
from the Latin
meaning
"coming" or
"arrival."
Advent is a time
of preparation
for the final
coming of
Jesus, while
we give thanks
for the gift of
Christ in the
past. We meditate on the
faithfulness of
God to his
promises —
past, present,
and future.

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

***COME AND WORSHIP**

Angels from the realms of Glory
Wing your flight o'er the Earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim the Messiah's birth

(Chorus)

*Come and worship, come and worship
Come and worship, worship Christ the newborn king*

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er the flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

(Chorus 2x)

Saints before the alter bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In His temple shall appear

(Chorus 2x)

**Call to
Worship**

Worship begins with God who invites us and welcomes us into his presence. Because of Christ, we can approach God with boldness even though we are sinful and weak.

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**Call to
Confession**

We all sin daily,
in thought and
word and deed.

As we come
into God's
presence, we
acknowledge
how we have
rebelled against
our King and
seek his
forgiveness.

COMMON CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE OF EXHORTATION: *Galatians 3:10-11*

For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written,
“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the
Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justi-
fied before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

***HAVE MERCY**

Have mercy on me

Have mercy on me

O Lord have mercy

O Lord have mercy

Lord help my unbelief

Lord help my unbelief

O Lord have mercy

O Lord have mercy

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

DECLARATION OF GRACE: *Luke 1:49,50*

For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his
name. And His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to
generation.

***THE FIRST NOEL**

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.

(Chorus)

*No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el
Born is the King of Is-rael*

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.

(Chorus)

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.

(Chorus)

Then let us all with one accord,
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood mankind has bought.

OFFERTORY: *(Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at faithcov.com)
Children ages 4-6 excused for Children's Church during 11 a.m. services (downstairs corner classroom)*

Offering

We give back to God a portion of what he has given us to use to declare that he is Lord of all. (This is part of our service as a church family, and visitors should not feel obligated to participate.)

3. The conflict surprises us because we often remove the mission of Christ from our Christmas celebrations. How have you witnessed this conflict of Kingdoms in your own life?
4. How are you being called out by the Lord to live in the reality of this larger conflict? What about this aspect of gospel living is a challenge for you?

Children's Question

*Bad things can happen to us that make us question God's goodness to us.
How does knowing that Jesus suffered for his people help us when we suffer?*

*O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM - Hymn #201

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth;
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Wine is located in the two outer rings; juice is located in the center ring.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Supper

The gospel is not only heard, but visibly seen as God invites us to commune with him at his table. In the Lord's Supper we remember and experience Jesus' saving work.

***GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN - Hymn #224**

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy Light.*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And brought us God's salvation that bless-ed Christmas morn!*

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

***BENEDICTION**

Benediction

Just as worship begins with God's call, it ends with God sending us into the world with his word of grace. We go forth to live and serve by the power of his grace, not our own strength.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRY TO PRAY FOR: Christ Lutheran Church, Whitefish, Pastor Dan Clites
MISSIONARIES TO PRAY FOR: Missionary family serving in the Middle East
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES will be at 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Please sign up to attend at faithcov.com (5 p.m. service will have enhanced COVID protocols).

SERVING: December Deacon – Phil Van Duyne

WEEKLY/MONTHLY

Today (1st service/2nd service)

Children's Church: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Sharon Salyer
Nursery: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 D. Tinkham
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fenners/Yvonne Hernandez

Sunday Worship Services

8, 9:30 & 11 am, 6:30 pm
Streaming 11 am

Next Sunday December 27th

Children's Church: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Sharon Salyer
Nursery: 9:30 Sunday School — 11 Falk
Communion Prep/Cleanup: Fosberys/Theresa Paolini

Vespers

2nd Sunday of the month
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Group

Jr High 4:30-6 pm, Sr High 7-9