

WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020
10:30 A.M.



Prelude and the Lighting of the Candle of LOVE

“First Noel” arr. Devin Harrison

Welcome

Rev. Dan Schumacher

Call to Worship

“What We Seem To Forget”

Rev. M. Barbara Graham

What concerns me,
what lies on my heart,
is this:
That we in the church
papered and programmed
articulate and agenda-ed
are telling the faith story
all wrong,
are telling it as though it happened two thousand
years ago
or is going to happen
as soon as the church budget is raised.
We seem to forget that Christ’s name is Emmanuel,
God with Us,
Not just when he sat among us
but now,
when we cannot feel the nail prints in his hands.

— Ann Weems

Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Katie Hambrick

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

“Silent Night”

arr. Shazia Ali

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

John Rowe

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon

“The Litmus Test”

Rev. Dan Schumacher

Hymn of Response

“We Three Kings”

Hopkins/arr. Shazia Ali

Benediction

Rev. Dan Schumacher

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
No hands but yours;
No feet but yours;
Yours are the eyes
Through which is to look out
Christ’s compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet
With which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands
with which he is to bless now”

— St. Teresa of Avila

Postlude

“Angels From the Realms of Glory”

adapted by Shazia Ali

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FBC HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The FBC office will be open through noon on Christmas Eve. The office will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 4, 2021.

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING

Each December FBC participates in the American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) annual Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering, referred to as RMMO. Donations may be given through December 31, 2020 via Pushpay by clicking [HERE](#) and selecting "RMMO" or by check and including "RMMO" on the memo line. Please consider how you can support this offering this year.

FBC'S ANNUAL MITTEN TREE

Thank you to all who have already donated mittens, scarves, gloves, and winter hats to FBC's annual Mitten Tree collection. Items collected this year have been distributed to Family Promise of Colorado Springs, Westside Cares, Springs Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, and Crossfire Ministries. You are encouraged to continue to support our neighbors through this simple, yet significant, service opportunity by bringing items to the office through Dec 24.

CALL FOR MEALS FOR FAMILY PROMISE'S IHN FAMILIES

The Family Promise of Colorado Springs Interfaith Hospitality Network's (IHN) Host Weeks at FBC will continue to look very different into 2021. In the past FBC would welcome four families into the building for the week, where they would stay overnight and provided with three meals. This January FBC will not be hosting in person, but will still have the opportunity to support our ministry partner and the families they serve. During the week of Jan. 31- Feb. 5 the families will be housed by Family Promise and FBC volunteers are needed each evening to prepare dinner and make a no-contact delivery. Please begin to consider how you might support FBC's first Host Week of 2021 and watch for more information on how you can participate.

PRAYER UPDATES

Claire Brodeur, as she continues her chemotherapy and radiation treatment

Marisol Maddaford, as she continues her recovery from a Dec. 2 surgery to repair some damages from a brain aneurysm last year

Drive-In Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2020
FBC Parking Lot

Lot open: 4:30 PM
Worship: 5:00 PM



On Christmas Eve, we will gather for a special drive-in candlelight worship service in the FBC parking lot to celebrate the arrival of the Christ child.

The parking lot will open at 4:30 PM. All vehicles will enter through the Kiowa entrance only and park facing West. You will then tune your radio to the provided AM station and prepare to view the service as it is projected on the side of the FBC building! While you wait you are invited to participate in a carols sing-a-long that will be broadcast over the station as the words are projected on the screen.

We hope you and your family will make plans now to join us on that evening!



Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight.
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;
Stil - le Nacht, hei - li-ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht

round yon vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant so ten-der and mild,
 Glo - ry streams from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ia,
 ra - diant beams from Thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our King;
nur das trau - te, hoch-hei - li - ge Paar. Hold - er Kna - be im lock - i - gen Haar,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.
schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh', schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh!"

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John Freeman Young (st. 1, 3), 1863; tr. Anonymous (st. 2, 4)
 MUSIC: Franz Grüber, 1818

STILLE NACHT
 Irregular

We Three Kings

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1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a De - i - ty night;
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise; King and God and sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship Him, God on high.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

WORDS: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857 (Matt. 2:1-11)
 MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1857

KINGS OF ORIENT
 8.8.8.6 with refrain