



All is
calm,
all is
bright

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADVENT WEEK 4

DECEMBER 20, 2020



WELCOME

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are glad that you found us and that you are here. We are a progressive, welcoming and inclusive congregation seeking both to know Christ and to make Christ known to people from all walks of life. We pray that we will become better acquainted with you.

WELCOME

Rev. Shannon White

INTROIT

"I Believe in the Light" ◇ Illuminating Peace

WPC Choir

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING ~ *Peace*

The Stewart Family

RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses we catch of your gift of peace on earth. Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—even when we aren't sure that goodwill among us can be found, ignite the flame of peace within us

People: ... that we might glow with its brilliance from the inside out. Help us face the pain of life, O God, and embrace the assurance that light is already here, and always coming. Amen.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The Fowler Family

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.

Carol ◇ #113

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (all 3 verses)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Carol ♦ #145

"What Child is This?" (verse 1 only)

Lesson

Luke: 1:46-55

Anna and Sally Carta

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

HOMILY

BAPTISM of Elizabeth Kay Summey, daughter of Scott and Allison Summey

Presentation

Questions of the Parents

Questions of the Godparents

Prayer

The Baptism

Welcome

Unison Response

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

HYMN ◇ #93

"Lift Up Your Heads" (all 3 verses)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Thomas Mann and Allison Summey

Leader: In this season of waiting know this...
We wait for justice

All: but we do not wait to work for change;

Leader: We wait for restored health

All: but we do not wait to work to heal;

Leader: We wait for wholeness

All: but we do not wait to work at binding brokenness;

Leader: We wait for peace

All: but we do not wait to work to eliminate hatred.

Leader: And so, like bells ringing out the news
that the light has dawned and shines on all people,
fill the night left by sadness with messages of peace.
Go into your lives humming the tunes that keep that peace alive in you
and that spur you on in your work of justice and reconciliation.
Raise your voices and repeat after me...
"do not be afraid!"

All: "do not be afraid!" Amen!

POSTLUDE

"Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella"
Arr. Mark Hayes

Carla Strauss, flute
Zack Wright, piano



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