

December 17

Simplicity



PRAYER CONCERNS: Leigh Ann Chevalier; the family of Dr. David Martin in his passing; Vira Cogswell in the passing of her son; Joie Brown in the passing of her daughter, Susan Rush.

Today's Sanctuary flowers provided by Lila Allen to the glory of God in memory of Donald Allen.

Today's choral selections are provided by the Temple Choir under the direction of Joan Nevill.
Organist: Barbara Waite. Pre-service music & special music provided by Candace Adye.

USHERS 12/17: Eric Eades, captain; Seby Durgy, Chuck Taylor, Ronnie Pursley

USHERS 12/24: Eric Eades, captain; Chuck Taylor, Ronnie Pursley

GREETERS 12/17: Margo & Skip Borre, Warren & Rosemary Heinsohn

GREETERS 12/24: Sue & Cle Watson, Tom Harvey, Mary Lockett

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

piano

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"My Lord, What a Morning" by R. Hobby

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" by Taize

†CHIMES & SERVICES OF LIGHT

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #211

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to those around you and pass the peace of Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

piano

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray as one.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Holy God of Advent, the world today is as terrifying as it is wonderful. We need Jesus as much today as in times of old. Replenish our lands, O God. Fill our hearts with gladness. Restore our faith in You and to each other. And now, hear us as we pray, each in our own hearts and our own ways...

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13 "Pray then like this: '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 our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'"

GIVING TITHES & OFFERING

"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" E. Diemer

†DOXOLOGY *The congregation stands as the Ushers return the offering to the Altar.*

#95 in Hymnal

ANTHEM

"There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob" F. Mendelssohn

KIDZ MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 1:26-35

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 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. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 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.

HYMN #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

MESSAGE *by Pastor Andy Payton "*

"Overshadowed"

†HYMN #250

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

†CHIMES & SERVICE OF LIGHT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Hark, the Glad Sound" P. Manz

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Monday: Psalm 41
Tuesday: Matthew 24:32-44
Wednesday: Matthew 24:45-51
Thursday: Matthew 25:1-13
Friday: Matthew 25:14-30
Saturday: Matthew 25:31-46

ADVENT CHALLENGE #3

Read the story of Christmas (Luke 2:1-7 & Matthew 1:18-25) with your family before opening gifts.