

Prelude (Organ solo—David Barker): Procession of the Magi

Lighting the Candles (Brass Ensemble)

Lighting the Advent Candle: LOVE

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”

Advent means we watch and wait for Christ’s coming. Christ comes to give Love to “those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

Disciples of Christ receive Love and give Love to God, self, and neighbor.

Special Music: Do You Hear What I Hear?

The Birth of Jesus Foretold: Luke 1: 26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her six month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.

³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Special Music: Mary Did You Know?

Mary’s Song: Luke 1: 46-56

⁴⁶ And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His Mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has lifted up the humble.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful

⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Special Music: Little Drummer Boy

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2: 1-20

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Special Music: Pastoral Symphony from Handel's Messiah
(Bring your tithes and offerings to the manger during this time of music) & Medley of Carols: Rick and Calli

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was laying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told to them about this child. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Special Music: Medley of Carols (An Old English Christmas, The Holly and the Ivey, Masters in this Hall, Coventry Carol, Gloucestershire Wassail, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, and Sussex Carol)

Benediction

Postlude (Brass Ensemble)

(Brass Ensemble— Trumpets-Kim Sturgill & Jason Bailey, Euphoniums-Shelley Molinary & Rick Galyean)

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SANCTUARY WORSHIP

*"Here am I,
the servant
of the Lord;
let it be
with me
according to
your word."*

LUKE 1:38, NRSV

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