



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
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CADILLAC

Worship Service

Sunday, December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Amy and Tom Schmid

Opening Hymn #104 vs. 1-3

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart’s delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
a lamp within my breast,
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.

O love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all loves excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

2 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me;
your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.

3 You come, O Lord, with gladness,
in mercy and goodwill,
to bring an end to sadness
and bid our fears be still.
In patient expectation
we live for that great day
when your renewed creation
your glory shall display.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you love justice; why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil? You have given us the gift of your Spirit; why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us? You have given us the words of the prophets and the Word himself; why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard from you? You have sent the light into the world; why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light? Forgive us. Restore us. Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Song of Response

“Gloria, Gloria”

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

“The Power of Kindness”

Hymn of Faith #110 vv. 1 - 3

“Love Has Come”

1 Love has come: a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;

what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn #105 vv. 1-4

"Soon, and Very Soon"

1 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

2 No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
No more crying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

3 No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
No more dying there: we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
we're going to see the King!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Upcoming Events

- Virtual Advent Study from the book "Light of the World", Sunday evenings 6:30 – 7:30.
- Thank you to everyone who came out and rang bells for the Salvation Army last Saturday!
 - Property and Finance Mtg. at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 15
 - Session Mtg. on Dec. 16 at 6:00 p.m.
 - Feeding America Food Truck on Dec. 17 sponsored by our Social Awareness Team.
 - Virtual Blue Christmas available online at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 21
 - Virtual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service available at 7:30 p.m. on the 24th.
- If you would like to donate to the M.O.O. Offering (usually taken the 2nd Sunday of each month) you may send a check in written to Outreach & Fellowship Team with M.O.O. in the memo line.
- **Poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary over the Christmas Season.** If you would like to purchase one (\$10.00 made out to Outreach Team), there is a form you may fill out and return to the church in the December Cad press, or you may request one be mailed to you.