



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
CADILLAC

Worship Service

Sunday, December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Melissa and Curtis Schultz

Opening Hymn #107

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn! vv. 1-4

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heavenly door
and lives now inside us forever.

3 In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

2 To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing;
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving-kindness.
The thunder of his anthems rolls
to shatter all hatred and violence.

4 Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night.
Though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light;
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill every day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we know that you are always there to guide us, yet we often make plans without listening to you and discover that our human agendas can drown out our ability to hear your will for us. We repent of these faults and turn to you in love. Forgive our offenses and pardon our sins, that our lives may magnify your holy name forever. 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 1:26-56

Sermon

"The Power of a Song"

Hymn of Faith #100 vv. 1 - 4

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout!"

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,

you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. (Refrain)

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. (Refrain)

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 #132 vv. 1 - 3

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"

He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Joy to the World" - Arranged J. W. Kerr

Announcements

- Virtual Advent Study from the book “Light of the World”, Sunday evenings 6:30 – 7:30.
- Thank you to our guest soloist, Lisa Martek for her special music today and also to Dr. Glen Verbrugge as our guest organist.
- Virtual Blue Christmas available online at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 21 with special music by Amy Schmid
 - Virtual Christmas Eve Communion Service available at 7:30 p.m. on the 24th.
- **Poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary over the Christmas Season.** If you would like to purchase one (\$10.00 made out to Outreach Team), the form is attached below. **Please fill out and return to the church by Tuesday, Dec. 22**
- **Office hours** – next week the office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 to 2:30, the following week (after Christmas) the offices will be closed. Pastor Mike will also be on vacation.
 - There are still some “faith stones” for sale by donation for you “last minute shoppers. They are displayed in the church foyer. Call ahead first to make sure the office is open.



*December is the season to decorate our church sanctuary with beautiful Christmas Poinsettias. It is tradition to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of loved ones. Poinsettias will cost \$10.00 and will decorate our sanctuary from Dec. 20 through Dec. 27. **Fill out this form and return it to the church office by Tuesday, Dec. 22.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church Outreach Team.*

Christmas Poinsettia

Please fill out the order form below and return it to the church office with a check payable to First Presbyterian Church Outreach Team. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

Order _____ Plants

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Other (gift) _____

Given by _____

After use in the church I will:

___pick up the poinsettia

___would like delivered as I'm not attending right now

___leave plant for delivery to Special Care people