

**Worship Bulletin**  
**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tim Nolen

**GATHERING PRAYER**

Trinity Gibson

**PRELUDE**

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Robert Lau

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Isaiah 55:12 and Luke 2:10-12*

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;  
*The mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees  
of the field will clap their hands.*

Then on a hillside near Bethlehem the Angels proclaimed to the Shepherds:  
*I am here with good news for you which will bring great joy to all the  
people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born: Christ the  
Lord!*

**ADVENT CANDLE** – Light the Candle of Joy

Rachel Lawson

**HYMN 88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Song of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirit by thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put the flight;  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all people in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Oh God, we long to be free of burdens that hold us captive.*

*We long to feel the joy deep within us that only Christ can give.*

*We long to be in communion with you daily, yet we resist the disciplines that would lead us in that direction.*

*We long to be bearers of good news to the oppressed, but we are uncomfortable and distracted.*

*Forgive us our transgressions and loosen the chains of doubt that bind us.*

*Call us again and again to live fully with you.*

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The truest joy is when we are close to our Savior, with none of our sinfulness blocking out the love from His eyes.

*"This the joy of Christmas!" God sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin.*

*Let us live then in the joy of forgiveness, walking closer each day to our Savior!*

### ANTHEM

"Christmas Angels"

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Eileen Butler and Alice Morris*

*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,*

*And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing:*

*Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;*

*Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."*

*Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;*

*With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

### SCRIPTURES

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 & Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

### SERMON

"Where is God?"

Rev. Collin Adams

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*The stories of Advent are stories of God moving in lives or ordinary people to accomplish God's extraordinary purposes. The stories are about people giving of themselves to follow God's plan. Take our lives, dear Lord, and use us. May we give all we have and all we are be used to bring Christ into the world. Amen.*

### HYMN 143

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"*

*Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth.  
You, who sang Creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ the newborn King*

*Shepherds in the fields abiding watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the Infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ the newborn King*

*All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to th' eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship; worship Christ the newborn King*

## BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*"Savior of the Nations Come"*

Wayne L. Wold