

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 19, 2021

Order of Worship

10:30 am



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Phil Lehenbauer
Stacey Nordmeyer

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Choral Prelude

Rejoice, Rejoice with Music

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Daetwyler and JJ Bertram, David Simmons

*Hymn of Praise No. #112

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

**Great God, we behold the gift of the child yet again,
yet we are also mindful of how we have failed
to receive the fullness of that gift.**

**The story of this day points us to Your glory,
yet we struggle daily to join in the angels' song.**

**We are distracted and confused,
so focused on things that matter little
that we have overlooked the good news of great joy.**

Tell us again that the Savior is born.

Tell us again that we are forgiven.

**Tell us again that life can be abundant in faith and
hope and love, not because of who we are,
but because of what You have given us in Jesus Christ.**

(moment of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

As we open our hearts to God, we are filled with the joy that was sung at the Birth, with the Love that walked among us, with the Grace which is always with us.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response No. 146

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child (verses 1 & 3)

*The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The Nativity

Christmas Company: Jesus the Baby
Dr. Dan DeBevoise

Gathering the Children

"Strawing the Manger"

The WORD in Story and Song

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38 *The Annunciation*

* Chancel Choir Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 *Joseph and the trip to Bethlehem*

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 *The Census*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Hymn and Placing of the Straw No. 115 Away in a Manger

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-20

Anthem Gloria in Excelsis
Chancel Choir Words and music by Allen Pote

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 *The Coming of the Magi*

Anthem Born in Bethlehem
Chancel Choir arr. By Mary McDonald

SENDING

*Hymn No. 110 Love Has Come

Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response Reprise: Born in Bethlehem

***All who are able may stand**

December Ushers are Mark Sonderman, Aaron Hull, John Bowers, Susan Frith, Linda Shrieves and Shawn Maloney.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 1 1 2

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A7) (D)
 F B^b F C7 F

1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and
 4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

(G) (A) (D) (G)
 B^b C F B^b

news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
 deem - er made us glad; then why should we on
 health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
 an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

(D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,
 earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,
 fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;
 we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

(A) (Em) (D) (A)
 C Gm F C

news of great joy, news of great mirth,
 when from our sin he set us free,
 heav - en and earth with joy may sing,
 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

(D) (G) (A) (G) (D)
 F B^b C B^b F

news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 all for to see the new - born King,
 peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

The words of this carol first appeared in 1684 in a collection by an Irish bishop, Luke Wadding. Whether they were his own work or something gleaned from popular use is not clear. The tune name recalls that the tune was collected in 1904 from Mrs. Verrall of Monk's Gate, Sussex.

TEXT: English carol
 MUSIC: English carol; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1912

SUSSEX CAROL
 8.8.8.8.8.8

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child 146

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
 2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;
 3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
 he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
 all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.
 praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

This 20th-century Christmas text by an English-born Canadian clergyman was originally a poem called "The Manger Prince." It gains a certain antique flavor by being set to a late medieval song associated with springtime. (The tune name means "The flowering time is near.")

TEXT: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919, rev. 1930
 MUSIC: *Plae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Ernest C. MacMillan, 1930

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
 7.6.7.6.D

115 Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) B \flat (D) F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885;
 stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892
 MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

MUELLER
 11.11.11.11
 (alternate tune: CRADLE SONG, 114)

Love Has Come

110

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C Bb F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 Bb C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C Bb C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

TEXT: Ken Bible, 1996
 MUSIC: French melody; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012
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BRING A TORCH
 9.9.10.9.8