

POSTLUDE

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (Puer Nobis Nascitur)*  
H.H.Hopson

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

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The **Liturgist** for today is Leslie Edsall. The **Chancel Flowers** are given by Teri Schrul, in loving memory of her husband, Bill Schrul.

**Prayer Concerns:** Carolkay Barré; Hope Saladino; Ellie Catalano; Scott Daniels, on the death of his brother Todd Daniels; Mary Ellen Beck; Ruth Sukala; those in need of comfort or healing; those mourning the loss of loved ones; those fighting for the rights of humans internationally; and for us, may we support those who uplift the care of others.

This week:

**Today, after worship:**

- Children's Choir (sanctuary)
- Coffee Hour & Fellowship (*if a volunteer has come forward to host*)
- Advent Bible Study & Lunch (Memorial Room)

**Tuesday 12:30pm** - Women's Association Manna with Marcus (lunch)

**7:00pm** - PNENJ Meeting (via zoom)

**Thursday - 6:30pm:** Bell Choir (sanctuary); **7:00pm:** Alcoholics' Anonymous

(Assembly Room); **7:30pm:** Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

**Next Sunday** - Christmas Pageant!

**Mitten Drive/Giving Tree:** New winter hats, scarves, and mittens are needed to keep others warm! Also, Deacons have set up a tree with tags with info on selected gift recipients. If you wish to get a gift: select a tag, choose and wrap a gift, and return gift with tag attached by Dec. 15. Or, visit link to Family Promise wish list (in the E-news) and choose items from list to give! Also due 12/15.

**From the Treasurer:** Thank you for your time, talent and work on behalf of CPC. If needed, please bring your pledges up to date by mail or via collection plate by Dec. 31 to be considered for 2024. Thank you for your attention and support!

**Volunteers needed!** Please consider signing up to usher for worship, host Coffee Hour, or setting up/decorating a Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Add your name to sign-up sheets or contact the office to volunteer for any!



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Diann Gropp-Roth, *Office Administrator*

December 8, 2024                      Service for the Lord's Day                      10:30 AM

PRELUDE                      *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*                      Baroque carol/  
H.H.Hopson

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT (89)                      *For You, O Lord, My Should in Stillness Waits*                      M.Haugen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Zechariah sang to his newborn son:

**"You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.**

You will tell his people how to be saved through the forgiveness of their sins.

**Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,**

to give light to those who are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
**to guide us on the path of peace."**

\*OPENING HYMN #83 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Holy God, we confess we prefer the crooked paths where we think we can hide from you. We'd rather you didn't examine us too closely, all we do and fail to do. Yet you are coming not to judge, but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning. So come, Lord, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts. In the certainty of your grace we make our prayer. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE(92) *While We are Waiting, Come*                      D.Cason

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI                      H.W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Jesus Christ, Word of God, dwell in us as we turn to these pages, holy ancient stories that proclaim your truth. In the Spirit, give us ears to hear and hearts to believe. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Malachi 3:1-4

ANTHEM                      *Christ the Appletree*                      S.E.Scriven  
Laurie Thomas, Soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Luke 3:1-6

SERMON                      "Clearing Things Out"                      Marcus C. Lambright

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #138 *Who Would Think That What Was Needed*                      J.L.Bell

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      R.H.Prichard

\*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606)                      Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #384                      *Soon and Very Soon*                      A.Crouch

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE (752) *Dona Nobis Pacem*                      Anon/E.T.Meyers