

Shall Be Revealed



*An Advent with Handel's
Messiah*

December 8, 2019

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Christmas Pageant

DECEMBER 8, 2019

10:00 AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In this season of Advent, we prepare our hearts for the birth of the Savior, anticipating and realizing that JOY is among us through the birth of the Messiah.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

During the Season of Advent, we will only announce a couple pressing things, in order to leave time for the Messiah. Please read your bulletins carefully to stay updated on ministry opportunities. The ushers will pick up prayer cards during the first hymn.

PRELUDE

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

Joy to the world! Our God is now coming to bring us "good news."

May we sing songs of praise and gladness.

In the height of our Advent walk, grant us the courage to experience joy.

Joy in the face of apathy,

Joy in the face of sorrow,

Joy in the face of uncertainty.

As people anxiously awaiting to live and share the good news, let us light the Candle of Joy.

*HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

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*PRAYER OF ANTICIPATION

God of life and breath, we witness your coming in the humility of service, in the poor and marginalized, through a newborn child, in the heart of each person we meet, and in the beauty of all creation. We watch, wait and witness the mystery of your conception in us, while awaiting his birth. Let us throw off our distractions and allow the chaos to settle. Let us watch for the signs and listen to the messengers. Let us stand on tiptoe and shout aloud and sing. Something new is emerging. Something new is being birthed. Oh come now, Emmanuel!

*RESPONSE (sung)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

May My Light Shine
Junior Choir & Sandy Bowen, bells

Bailey/Mayo

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Isaiah:

"Hear ye, Hear ye! The Lord himself will give you a sign. The young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and name him Emmanuel. And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Narrator 1:

In the sixth month the Lord sent the Angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee, called Nazareth. Gabriel sought out a young woman named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, of the house of David. The Angel Gabriel came to her and said:

Gabriel:

"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."

Narrator 1:

Mary was startled by his words and wondered what sort of greeting this might be. The Angel said to her:

Gabriel:

"Fear not, Mary, the Lord is with you. You will bear a son, and name him Jesus, Emmanuel. He will be called "the Son of the Most High", and His kingdom will have no end."

Mary:

"How can this be?"

Gabriel:

"The child to be born will be holy; and he will be called "Messiah, Son of God". For nothing is impossible with God."

Mary:

"Here I am, Lord. I am yours, Lord."

Narrator 1:

And the angel departed.

Congregation: (seated, sings)

*Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.*

Narrator 2:

The Roman soldiers helped deliver King Herod to the front, so his scribe could read the decree from Emperor Augustus, which said:

Scribe:

"All the world should be registered!"

Narrator 2:

Joseph, came from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David called "Bethlehem."

Narrator 3:

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

Joseph:

"Is there room?"

"Is there room?"

"Is there room?"

"Is there room?"

Innkeepers:

There is no room at the Inn, but you may take shelter in the stable.

Narrator 4:

Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Congregation: (seated, sings)

*Once in Royal David's City stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*

Narrator 3:

And there were shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

Narrator 4:

Then the angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them, and they were terrified. And the angel said to them,

Gabriel:

"Fear not; for behold —I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people: For unto you is born this day, in the city of David... a Savior... who is Christ, the Lord. You will find him wrapped in bands of cloth and laying in a manger."

Narrator 3:

And suddenly... there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

Gabriel:

"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

All children and congregation sing:

"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"

Narrator 4:

"Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on Earth!"

All children and congregation:

"Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on Earth!"

Sunday School Music

*Away in a Manger
Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Narrator 5:

When the angels left them, the shepherds said to one another,

Lead Shepherd:

"Let us go to Bethlehem and see what has happened. Those things which the Lord made known to us."

Narrator 5:

So they went with haste and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in the manger.

Congregation: (seated, sings)
*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace!*

Narrator 6:

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, three wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking:

Magi 1:

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? "

Magi 2:

"For we observed his star at its rising."

Magi 3:

"And have come to pay him tribute."

Narrator 6:

They set out; following the star, until it stopped over the place where the baby Jesus lay in the manger.

Congregation: (seated, sings)

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of might. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Repeat chorus:

*O star of wonder, star of might. Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Narrator 7:

When they saw the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. Entering the house, they saw the baby Jesus with his mother, Mary; and they knelt down to pay him tribute. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Isaiah:

"And the Word became flesh and lived among us. We have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. For unto us a child is born, for unto us a son is given; and all authority will rest upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called:

All children and congregation:

"Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Congregation: (seated, sings)

*Joy to the World, the Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing and heaven and heaven and nature sing!*

Children will return to Sunday school wing to return costumes. Parents may pick them up following worship.

***PREACHING LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-9

This is the Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

Rev. Carol Hill

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

tune: The First Noel

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love.

Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Amen.

*HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**INDICATES TO PLEASE RISE IN BODY AND SPIRIT, IF ABLE*

BOLD INDICATES TO SPEAK ALOUD IN ONE VOICE, IF ABLE

LEADING US IN WORSHIP – DECEMBER 8, 2019

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister
Pastor Mollie Foster, Associate Minister
Liz Swanson, Director of Pastoral Services
Emmy Dase, Lector

Sasha Gerritson, Director of Music Ministries
Sue Douglass, Organist
The Goodwin Family, Advent Candle Lighters

ITEMS OF NOTE

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are joining us in worship today. If you are interested in more information about our worship, programs, service, and fellowship please visit our website at www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org, call the Church Office (847) 823-3164, or speak with an Usher or Pastor.

PLEASE SEE AN USHER for seat cushions, larger font bulletins, and/or hearing assistance devices for use during worship. *Thank you to our December ushers: Barbara Madro, Gretchen Kapolnek, Dave Kapolnek, Marty McHugh, and Chris Browning.*

FIRST AID KITS are located in the Church Office, Sunday School Wing, and Kitchen. The AED device is located outside of the Church Office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS please see the back page to sign up for Christmas flowers this year.

RESTROOMS are located on the lower level at each end of the church.

NURSERY CARE is provided from 8:30-11:15 am each Sunday in the lower level. Infants to age 5.

COFFEE HOUR After the service, please join us downstairs in Jordan Hall for Coffee Hour. (Jordan Hall is accessible by elevator) **Thank you to the Hayes and Zoellner families for hosting this week! Cookies by the Pound and Knitted items on sale today!!!**

BIBLE STUDY will meet Mondays and Wednesdays through December 18th, we will return after Christmas on January 13th.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT LIST

Narrators	Aria Geye Sydney Hollingsworth Nate Jarvis Lydia Zweifel Miranda Thomas Emmy Dase Alena Goodwin	Baby, Toddler Cherub Angels/Lambs/ Mini Shepherds Milo Runtz Maggie Weir Nicolas Laginess Noelle Kleingers Eileen Schrimpf
Isaiah	Aiden Chacko	PreK-3rd gr. Angels/Lambs Emma Hollingsworth Jillian Blackburn Lily Weber Rachel Born Alexia Salamone Emily Laginess
Gabriel	Lily Craig	
Jesus	Harper Henry	
Mary	Zaryn Alice Weber Gaby	
Joseph	John Weber	
Innkeepers	Joshua Jarvis & Carrie Hill	
King Herod	Campbell Stewart	
Roman Soldier	Luke Goodwin	
Scribe	Leah Born	
Townspeople	Ella McCarty Max Chandler Owen Froeschle	
Star Holder	Sam Hollingsworth	
Wise Persons	Lucas Runtz Reese Froeschle Spencer Stewart Audrey Hill	PreK-3rd gr. Lambs & Shepherds Sam McCarty Adrian (Deuce) Hill Henry Born Oliver Zweifel Grant Gudmundsson Drew Chandler Dylan Adams Zach Pomeroy Bennet Smith Theo Pomeroy Owen Smith Noah Laginess Drake Gudmundsson Leo Kleingers Lucas Bayley Evan Bayley Oscar Schrimpf
Camel Driver	Mary Lynch	Lead Shepherd Archer Geye
Teen Angels	Isabella Gaby Samantha Hill Kiera Kallen Katie Hill	

A HUGE thank you to our adult helpers, Angie and Andrew Weber, Sue Douglass and Ann Swindell for their hard work and dedication to our Christmas Pageant!

PRAYER REQUESTS

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR CONGREGATION AND OUR LOVED ONES:

Erika Cornelisen, Kylie Figgins, Jon Forsythe, Edith E. Hurlburt, Tom Kapolnek, Candace Kidston, Walter and Christina Kotecki, Geri LeDuc, Jim Lego, Lurana Nelson, Leo Netko, Dean Muenzer, Pauline Numrych, Susan Ruth, Ann Stutts, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bill Zoellner, Kate Zoellner.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM DECEMBER 1st:

It was a joyful time last week with Consecration Sunday, serving the Sunday Supper and the Wall of Sound event!

We celebrate with the Lapp family the marriage of Becca and Zac Coleman on 11/30.

It is a joy to celebrate Lilly Weber's 5th birthday on 12/2 and Nate Jarvis turning 12 on 12/3.

Sue Carroll is grateful to have finished her treatments and to be feeling better.

Please pray for John Born's sister Allison Barker for healing and recovery as she has become cancer free on her 40th birthday.

Julie Smith asks for prayers for her friend Mary Ella recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Please keep Edythe Nelson, Barbara Madro's neighbor in your prayers as she recovers from a serious car accident.

Jim Muenzer asks for prayers for his aunt Louise Bruyn, age 89 who had a severe fall resulting in a concussion.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

WINTER COAT COLLECTION thru January

Adult winter coats are being collected between November and January. We are collecting gently used, clean **coats** for **Men and Women**. We are also collecting gently used **Adult L and XL sweatshirts**. These coats and sweatshirts are being collected for those being impacted by the Bridge Project. The Bridge Project is a grass roots effort which began with members of the Urban Village Church in Chicago. Please contact Marylynn Collentine with any questions. The donation box will be located in the Park Place Room.

TOY COLLECTION FOR FRATERNITE OF NOTRE DAME

Bring Joy thru Toys this Christmas to the families in need being assisted by the Fraternite Notre Dame. Please bring donated toys to box located in Ellinger Chapel **by Saturday, December 14 for a 2 pm delivery. Please** let the Church Office know if you would like to participate in wrapping or delivery!

GIVING TREE

Wonderful news - all 35 envelopes have been assigned for gifts to be delivered to individuals in need at Maryville. There are still needs in providing \$25 target gift cards - Cards can be placed in box on gift table in chapel. **All gifts for Giving Tree are due Wednesday December 11th.** Please bring gifts unwrapped in box or bag, clearly marked with name of recipient. You can bring to office or place under tree in the sanctuary chapel.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KINDRED SPIRITS

All are welcome to come to the much-anticipated annual Kindred Spirits Christmas Party this Tuesday, 12/10 at noon in Jordan Hall. We will be enjoying the music of Lynn Brant and Edde Young, sharing in a potluck lunch with ham as the main dish and playing a gift exchange game. Please come with a dish to share and a wrapped gift. If you need more information, please talk with Liz Swanson.

KID'S CLUB – Next Week!

Kids' Club next week, Dec. 15, during 10 am worship. Preschool - 3rd graders are invited to the Sunday school wing for crafts and games.

ALL AGES ADVENT FESTIVAL – Next Sunday!

Everyone is invited to join us **Sunday, December 15, 5-7 pm (note new day & time)** in Jordan Hall to be reminded of the meaning and importance of Advent. Start with a little **caroling!** Meet at church at **3:30 pm** to briefly rehearse, go out to share Christmas music, and return by our 5 pm gathering. We will hear the Christmas story, share a potluck dinner, create crafts, meditate and reflect, and find other ways to learn about and celebrate Advent as a church community.

Be on the lookout for a sign-up to bring a salad, side or dessert, sent out Friday, to complement the ham provided by the Social Committee.

2019 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 15 8:30 & 10 am Advent Worship

December 22 8:30 & 10 am Advent Worship

December 24 4:00 & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

December 29 10 am ONE Service

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – Due December 20th

Our beautiful silk plants will once again be displayed this year for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the upkeep of these plants in memory, honor, or celebration of someone you may do so below:

HONOREE'S NAME

GIVEN BY

_____ In Honor

_____ In Memory

_____ In Celebration

Questions, please contact the Church Office - office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

