

∞ ORDER OF WORSHIP ∞

December 12, 2021 • 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

*“Out of the deep, my Child, out of the deep,
From that great deep before the world began,
From that true world within the world we see,
Whereof our world is but the bounding shore –
Out of that deep: Thou comest, darling boy!”*
-- Alfred Lord Tennyson

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE “Mary, Did You Know?”

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Our souls give thanks to You, O God.

People: Our hearts pour out our praise.

Leader: Today we await Your coming and tomorrow we shall see Your glory.

People: Reveal the good news to us as we journey through this day and into the fullness of Your time.

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. Come!

SONG OF PRAISE HYMN No.143 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Almighty God, whose light never fades, dawn in our hearts and strengthen us. We know that at times we have not followed the light of Your Word or searched for the sign of Your love. Impress upon us the meaning of Your Son’s birth, a sign for all generations. Renew us by the brightness of Your presence and may the Son of righteousness rise upon us in brightness and glory. Amen. (moment of silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Friends, know that God has drawn us out of the sins of our lives and has strengthened us with Christ’s steadfast love.

People: We proclaim God’s faithfulness in this assurance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn No. 622)

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Chuck and Linda Nydam

CHILDREN’S TIME - Steve Kotula leads in a reading of
The Candy Cane Story

ANTHEM “What Child Is This?” W.C. Dix, arr. P. Kern

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7

SERMON “God in the Straw”

”Mary gave birth to her first-born..., and laid him in a manger”
(Luke 2:7).

HYMN No. 157 “Away in a Manager”

OFFERING

*Doxology (Hymn No. 625)

Dedication of Offering

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

*HYMN No. 151 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

CHORAL BENEDICTION “Mid-Winter” v .4-5 G .Holst, C. Rossetti

POSTLUDE “Advent Joy” R. A. Williamson

* Those who are able, please stand

Welcome to our church today!

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming to worship with us. We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the hymnal book holder in the pew .

Please join us in friendship and a chance to say hello after the service. Let us know how we can assist you.

Poinsettias

If you missed the November 14th deadline from Dryden Agway to order poinsettias, you can purchase them on your own and place them in the fellowship kitchen by December 15th. Let Arlene know so she can place your name on the list to be included in the bulletin.

Clothing Shed

Jackets and warm shirts for men are needed at this time. Please drop them off in the administrative wing cupboard or closet. Thank you for your donations.

Coffee Hour

The Church Life Committee is officially offering Coffee Hour the second Sunday of each month. The sign-up board for the Committees, Coffee hour is located on the blue board next to the kitchen. Casual Coffees, not the Committee Coffee Hours, can be provided other Sundays by anyone willing to do just a beverage and stay long enough to clean up and lock doors. The Casual sign-up sheet is next to the Deacon's card. "Casual" Chairperson, please invite someone to help you with the coffee-hour tasks.

Office Hours

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary pastor, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Pastor Jim Hicks – 607-898-5201- hicksjam@verizon.net

Advent Bible Study

Join us for "O Night Divine" Bible study! Each day you will spend just three minutes to experience a more prayerful heart as you prepare for our Savior's birth; each Wednesday evening in December (15,22) at 7 p.m., you are invited to gather with others to talk about the devotions. The devotional booklet will be mailed to you. The gathering will be entirely on Zoom; join via your computer, tablet, or smartphone by clicking this link:
<https://zoom.us/j/258715232pwd=ZDVYbzFvRIYzMW15OWRkRHpqQnk5UT09>

Mitten Tree

The decorations on our mitten tree are donated to needy Dryden school children. When you are shopping, please remember to purchase a warm hat or mittens to hang on the tree.

For Prayer:

Dave and Kathlene Gross, Bob Sincerbeaux,
Jim Krebs

Worship for Next Sunday

December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Scripture: determined by youth
youth performance in place of sermon

December Celebrations:

Sunday, December 19 – "Journey to Bethlehem, Follow the Star" will be performed by the youth and special guests; this presentation will be on Zoom.

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.

Mary, Did You Know?

Verse 1:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has come to make you new;
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you?

Verse 2:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will calm the storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod,
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God?

Oh Mary, did you know?

Bridge:

The blind will see,
The deaf will hear,
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap,
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb.

Verse 3:

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy
Was Heaven's perfect Lamb?
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I AM!

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Verse 1:

Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Verse 2:

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you, Christ the Babe was born for you.

Text: Polish carol; paraphrase by Edith E. M. Reed

Music *W Zlobie Lezy*, Traditional Polish carol; arranged by Joseph Barlowe

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, Amen.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century

Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Away in a Manger

Verse 1:

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Verse 2:

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Verse 3:

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Text: Source unknown, stanzas 1, 2; John Thomas McFarland, stanza 3
Music: *Away in a Manger*, by James R. Murray

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken
Music: Old Hundredth, Genevan Psalter, 1551; attributed to Louis Bourgeois

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Verse 1:

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News! 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!

Verse 2:

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And man is bless-ed evermore:
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Verse 3:

Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting Hall:
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Text: Latin carol, 14th century; translated by John M. Neale
Music: *In Dulci Jubilo*, German melody, 14th century; harmonized by John Stainer