

∞ Order of Worship ∞

December 20, 2020

10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 89 & Luke 1):

Leader: God remembered his promises and piled on the mercies.

People: We'll never quit telling the story of your love.

Leader: Your love, God, is our song, and we'll sing it!

People: It's exactly what God promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Facemask On"
(to the tune of "Silver Bells") sung by Scott Miller

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, Both we and our ancestors have sinned, kept sinning for so long, and have done wickedly. Please forgive our sinful actions and bring us into your wonderful arms. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned,

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38

MESSAGE "A Socially Distanced Christmas"
Performed by Senior High Youth, Christian Education members and special guests.

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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.

HYMN No. 157 "Away in a Manager"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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



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Blue Christmas

The Blue Christmas service will be on Zoom the night of December 21st, 7pm. Please use the same information as is used on Sunday morning services to join.

Christmas Eve

The Christmas Eve service will be by Zoom on December 24th at 7:00 p.m. Please use the same information as is used on Sunday morning services to join. Have a candle ready for the candle lighting at the end of the service during "Silent Night"

Dryden Kitchen Cupboard

Dryden Kitchen Cupboard wishes to thank everyone for donating to our appeal to help us. We were able to give out 139 Thanksgiving baskets to families in need. We were able to give out 33 Christmas baskets as well.

Your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated.
Blessings to you all - - - Aiden Payne

Advent Devotional Study

Please join us (virtually) for an Advent Devotional Bible Study! Pastor Dale and Brenda are facilitating a discussion and conversation on the week's readings – December 23rd from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The devotional is called "A Child, A Son, A Savior: The Wonders of His Love". The devotional was mailed to members who regularly attend the zoom and in-person service. If you miss a week, no worry you can join the next week. Please feel free to join this last week for fun and fellowship.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be purchased by individuals as we will not be ordering from Agway this year. They may be brought to the church by November 27, 2020 and left on the kitchen table to be placed in the sanctuary by the Flower Committee for the Advent Season. Contact the Flower Committee if you would like your poinsettias delivered to shut-ins .

Luminaries

Dave Gross will be placing the luminaries along the sidewalk for Christmas this year. Help would be appreciated, please contact Dave directly.

Christmas Joy

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

If you would like to give to Christmas Joy, please mark in the memo line "Christmas Joy" on your check.

There are Christmas Joy envelopes located in the church office if you would like to use them for your donation.

Dryden Service Salvation Army Bell Ringing

We will be ringing the Salvation Army bell at Clark's through next Wednesday (the 23rd). If anyone is available on Tuesday the 22nd from 4 to 7, we could use coverage - if you would like to fill any portion of this time, please contact me at cwhartjr@gmail.com. The support that the Dryden community has provided during the past eight months has been amazing. Your willingness to reach out to help those in need exemplifies the true meaning of love and compassion for your neighbors.

Please enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Stay safe and healthy while you look forward to 2021.

Mitten Tree

Our church will continue to sponsor the annual collection of children's winter wear with donations for Dryden Central School children who are in need. Please drop by the church and add your gift to the decorated basket located in the back entrance by the Kitchen Cupboard.