

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
 2. Christ, by highest Heav’n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th’incarnate Deity,
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
 3. Hail the heav’nly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
- *Refrain:*
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT TO WORSHIP....."HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

DOXOLOGY.....**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above each heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Minister/Steward**

L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:1-2)*

P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. *(Ps. 84:10)*

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. *(Ps. 122:9)*

P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. *(Ps. 92:13)*

L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. *(Ps. 28:8)*

P: For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. *(Hab. 2:20)*

L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *(Ps. 19:14)*

P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises. *(Ps. 19:1&4)*

THE MORNING HYMN #115.....Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

THE PRAYER.....PASTOR HALE

THE PRAYER RESPONSE....."HE IS LORD"

He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Luke 3: 1-6 (niv)**

(Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 1-6)

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶And all people will see God’s salvation.”

PREFACE..... **”From all that dwell below the skies,
Let thy creator’s praise arise;
Let the redeemer’s name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.”**

THE SUMMARY OF THE**Minister/Steward**

M: And He said to them, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and prophets.

THE 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.**

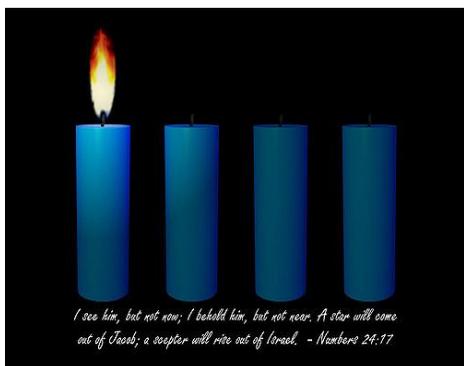
SELECTION

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....**Finance Committee**

ADVENT MOMENT.....**Pastor Hale**

Second Sunday of Advent – Peace

By Carlene L. Douglas



Young Adult: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Our focus this Sunday is on PEACE – the peace of God. Jesus has given us peace to sustain us in these days, but Jesus’ second coming will bring a lasting peace.

Congregation: Who can endure the day of Jesus coming? No foe, no strife. No conflict, no war. No oppression, no bondage. No 'us', no 'them'!

Leader: Even now, Lord, give us peace in this day that lions and lambs will coexist, bearing witness of your love and power. We light this candle hopeful of the day of everlasting peace.

Senior Adult: Light two blue candles.

Leader: The candles we lit today remind us that though the terrors of injustice and inequality seek to rob us of our peace, we have peace in our hearts.

All Together: Come Lord Jesus, come! We yearn for everlasting peace when injustice will lose its grip, and you will reign forever and ever!

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE MESSAGE.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....**MASS CHOIR**

WELCOME.....**Pastor Hale**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....**BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Scriptures for next week: Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Philippians 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18
- Wednesdays, December 12-January 2, 2019, 11:00 a.m., Pastor's Bible Study is taking a Holiday Break and will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2019
- Thursday, December 13, 6:30 p.m., Mass Choir rehearsal.
- The following Organizations and Ministries have scheduled with the Pastor to "organize" for the New Year. We will meet in the Annex following Worship:
 - Sunday, December 9, Usher Board
 - Sunday, December 16, Women's Missionary Society
 - Sunday, December 30, Stewardess

If your organization or ministry is not listed, please let the Pastor know. Thank you!!

- **Saturday, December 15, 5:00-7:00 p.m., The Lay Organization's God's Christmas Open House is an opportunity for Christian fellowship.** From 5:00-5:50 p.m., fellowship in the lower auditorium with food, games, socializing, and an ugly sweater contest (a prize will be given). From 6:00-7:00 p.m., worship experience in the sanctuary. The Lay is encouraging everyone to participate in the Joy of Jesus during this holiday season.
- **Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m., Christmas Celebration.**
- **Sunday, December 30, 11:00 a.m., Love Feast (NO, we're not serving dinner).** The Love Feast is an old service to bring healing and unity in our relationships before entering the New Year. Bread (which is **not** eaten) and water are shared as symbols of friendship and unity, with each other and with God. There is a time of testimonials and thanks, and we're reminded of the three rules to live by (the General Rules).
- **Sunday, January 6, 11:00 a.m., The Covenant Renewal Service.** January 6 is Epiphany on the Christian Calendar, the celebration of the Visitation of the Magi to the Child Jesus, bearing the three gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. This is also the First Sunday of the New Year, and we're going to use an old liturgy that originated with John Wesley, the Covenant Renewal Service, to rededicate ourselves, and renew our relationship and commitment to God.
- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of **\$170.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA170**.
- Conference Claims per **member per month is \$15.00**. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- **The Seed Sowers Project** is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- **Mass and Men's Choir:** Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- **The YPD and Christian Education will be collecting perishables for the homeless.** We will be collecting toiletries, travel size, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, lotion, body wash, combs, tissues, etc., for the Homeless for our Christmas Outreach Blessing Bags. Boxes will be set up in the back of the Church for your donations/collections. Thank you for all your help with these projects.
- **St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in:** If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- **Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at 361-1426.**
- **Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.**



Our Known Sick and Shut-Ins

Charles Brown, Jr.	Renee Scott-Smith
Roslyn Collins	Judy Sears
Phyllis Dockies	Russell Thornton
Jacqueline Greenlee	

Our Known Community Sick and Shut-Ins

Armenta Chase	Mildred Jones	Odes Nash
Lewis Givens	Richard Kirtley, Jr.	Rev. James Smith
Rev. Frederick Hale	Betty Moseley	Frances Walker
Corliss Howard	Barbara Nash	Anna Williams
		James Winkfield

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Send them a card, call and visit to let them know you care.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Harold Ikard, Jr.	December 8
James Harris	December 15
Randy Harris	December 18
Jonathan Higgins	December 18
Susan Johnson	December 28

SERMON NOTES

Date: _____

Songs we sang:



Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon
Title: _____

Sermon
Text: _____

List all Scripture references mentioned:

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Write some sentences about the sermon: