

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

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Joy



December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent



“Patience:

Reclaiming a Foundational Virtue”

NewSong

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

LEADER: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

People: And He will be called Mighty God.

LEADER: We wait for the one whose power has no limits
and whose strength knows no end.

People: And He will be called Mighty God.

LEADER: We wait for the one whose everlasting light can illuminate the
darkest night.

People: And He will be called Mighty God.

LEADER: We wait for the one whose mercy never ends and whose
faithfulness endures forever.

People: And He will be called Mighty God.

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Pastor Matt Stillman

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THIS WEEK

Monday, 2:00 pm: Faith Yoga *mat class resumes Jan 9*
3:15 pm: Faith Yoga *chair class resumes Jan 9*
7:00 pm: Men's Theology Study

Tuesday, 2:00 pm: Conversations with the Scriptures
3:30 pm: Pastor Prayer Support Group
All are welcome to attend

Wednesday, 11:00 am: Women's Christmas Luncheon
Table on the Green *Dec 21*
Your received \$20 payment by Dec 12 is your reservation
5:30 pm: Meet the Candidates and
Family Fellowship \$12 Dinner *Dec 14*
RSVP Today!

Thursday, 10:00 am: Good and Beautiful God study
3:45 pm: Praise Team rehearsal
5:00 pm: Choir rehearsal



*Thank you to all the volunteers
who have helped with our Worship Services this week.*



December 24 – Lessons and Carols with Communion – 4:00 p.m.
December 25 – Christmas Day Service – 10:00 a.m.



**The church office will be closed from
12:00 p.m., Thursday, December 22, thru Tuesday, December 27**

THE PSALTER READING

Psalm 146

(Responsively)

“Patience: Reclaiming Our Foundational Virtue”

Sermon Notes: James 5:7-10

HEAD

LEADER: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God.

*People: who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;*

LEADER: who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

*People: The Lord sets prisoners free;
the Lord opens the yes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.*

LEADER: The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

*People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
to all generations. Praise the Lord!*

HEART

HANDS



CORNERSTONE

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Reverend Ellis Brooks

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Lighting the Candle”

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

LEADER: During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

People: *And He will be called Mighty God.*

LEADER: We wait for the one whose power has no limits and whose strength knows no end.

People: *And He will be called Mighty God.*

LEADER: We wait for the one whose everlasting light can illuminate the darkest night.

People: *And He will be called Mighty God.*

LEADER: We wait for the one whose mercy never ends and whose faithfulness endures forever.

People: *And He will be called Mighty God.*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Rev. Ellis

* HYMN OF PRAISE “Angels from the Realm of Glory”

* 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again 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 Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the
Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection
of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen*

PSALTER READING

Psalm 146

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CHORAL MESSAGE

“Advent Echo Carol”

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.
praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

This 20th-century Christmas text by an English-born Canadian clergyman was originally a poem called “The Manger Prince.” It gains a certain antique flavor by being set to a late medieval song associated with springtime. (The tune name means “The flowering time is near.”)

TEXT: Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919, rev. 1930
MUSIC: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. Ernest C. MacMillan, 1930

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
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It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849

Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,
 4. For lo, the days are has-tening on, By proph-et bards fore - told,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav-en-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav-en's all - gra - cious King":
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ering wing,
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.
 And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Angels from the Realm of Glory

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star: to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ellis

“Patience: Reclaiming Our Foundational Virtue”

Sermon Notes: James 5:7-10

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Head

***DOXOLOGY – PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS**

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

*Our fathers’ God to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing:
Long may our land be bright, with freedom’s holy light,
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Heart

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON *“Patience: Reclaiming Our Foundational Virtue”*
Pastor Matt Stillman

***HYMN OF REFLECTION** *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”*

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE:**

*May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And the love of God our Father,
And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
Forever and ever, forevermore. Amen.*

Hands

* Congregation Stands

