



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
December 19, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Muriel Peavler

Leader: When the parents of Jesus are stressed-out travelers before his birth.....

People: God is there.

Leader: When the boy, finally born, is presented at the temple,

People: God is THERE.

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

People: God is THERE.

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

People: God is THERE.

Leader: This very morning,

People: God is HERE.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

**People: God is THERE. Let us worship the ADVENT, BREAKING-IN,
GOD OF ALL TIME AND SPACE.**

HYMN

“All Earth is Waiting ”

UMH No. 210

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: O Holy One, we light this fourth candle, and marvel at your desire

to be one with us. Let its flame summon hearts grown cold

Into the warmth of a people living in The Light of Love.

Fill our lives with Love, making room there for friends and strangers,

all who desire to know you, God-with-us,

As we work for justice and peace in the service of Hope.

People: Out loud and in full spectrum light,

God, shine on us with your Light of Love.

BLESSING THE CHILDREN

Erica Kozlowski

“Where Children Belong”

(all sing)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Muriel Peavler

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"The Shepherd's Lamb"

by Dan Forrest

featuring Central's Chancel Choir

A stable bare, a starlit sky, and under Heaven's watchful eye a miracle in manger lay, the Lamb of God upon a bed of hay. The first news of this glorious birth was told to those of little worth, who left their flocks, as angels said, to find the Lamb of God in manger bed.

The shepherds paused at stable door, looked on the Lamb and in Him saw their own Good Shepherd, born a Lamb, themselves the flock within the Shepherd's hand. With shepherds' gaze in wonder on the mystery of Heaven's plan: The Shepherd, born to live with us, is born to die for us, the shepherds' Lamb.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-5, 8-9

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Close to Home Advent Sermon Series:

"A Pregnant Love. . . even on Tax Day"

Rev. Chris Lane

SONG FOR REFLECTION

"Carol of the Epiphany"

FWS No. 2094

featuring Dave Chrostek, soloist

INVITATION TO GIVING

Rev. Linda Stephan

DOXOLOGY FOR ADVENT

(sung to the tune: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Rev. Linda Stephan

HYMN

"Like A Child"

FWS No. 2092

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lane

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Peace I Leave with You"

by Matthew Glandorf

POSTLUDE

You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience. (If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

PASTORS: Rev. Chris Lane and Rev. Linda Stephan
Muriel Peavler, liturgist

MUSIC: Tom Bara, organist; Michael Coonrod, pianist;
Central's Chancel Choir, Amanda Kruk, guest director

GREETERS: Luana Dueweke, Bob and Jackie Barone

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Tom Atkinson, Tom Bartlett, Britani Eaton & John Sonnemann
Kim Burch, pre-production coordinator
Silvio Ciccone, production director

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for joining us today!**



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