



Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday Worship Services
December 8, 2019

First Presbyterian Church, Evanston

Order of Worship
December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Opening Sentences

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us...His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

- Isaiah 9:2a, 6a, 7a

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten
(Music: Plainsong Mode V, harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940)

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent: Peace

**All: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.
God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness, come.**

He Came Down

(Words: Cameroon song; Music: Cameroon melody, transc. and arr. John L. Bell, 1986)

He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace.
He came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

First Lesson: The Creation

Genesis 1:31; 2:1-9, 15-17, 25

All: God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Reader: In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

* Please stand as you are able

** Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please return receivers at the end of the service. *Opening Hymn*

This is My Father's World*
(Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901/Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915,
arr. Cory Alstad & Tony Hiebert, 2013)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; the battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heav'n be one.

Second Lesson: The Tree in the Garden
Genesis 3:1-15

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Since the Garden, God has been calling to us, "Where are you?"
Since the Garden, humans have been hiding in shame.
Let's stop hiding and bring our sins to light.

**All: Our God, you created the world and called it good.
You created man and woman in your image and called them very good.
But we have been deceived by half-truths and false promises.
We have tasted temptation and it is bitter in our mouths.
We thought our desire for forbidden fruit would bring us wisdom,
but it brought us only the curse of pain and death.
Please cover us in your love.
Take away our sin.
Restore our relationship with you, our God.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: 1 Corinthians 15 tells us:
For since death came through a man,
the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.
For as in Adam all die,
so in Christ all will be made alive.

**All: Thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen!**

Response in Poetry

John Milton (1608-1674), *Paradise Lost*, Book XII 1,469-478

O Goodness Infinite, Goodness immense,
That all this good of evil shall produce,
And evil turn to a good; more wonderful
Than that which by creation first brought forth
Light out of Darkness! Full of doubt I stand,
Whether I should repent me now of sin
By me done or occasion'd, or rejoice
Much more that much more good thereof shall spring—
To God more glory, more good will to men
From God, and over wrath grace shall abound.

Anthem

Adam Lay Ybounden

*(Words: 15th c. manuscript; Music: Boris Ord, 1957;
Translation: Tom Thomson, lyricstranslate.com)*

*Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long;*

Adam lay bound,
Bound in a bond;
Four thousand years
He considered not too long.

*And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden,
Written in their book.*

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerics find
Written in theirbook.

*Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Oure Ladie
Abeen heav'ne Queen.*

If never the apple,
The apple had been taken,
Then never would our lady
Have become Heaven's Queen.

*Blessed be the time
That apple taken was:
Therefore we mown singen.
Deo Gratias.*

Blessed by the time
when the apple was taken,
for that reason we may sing
Thanks to God.

Third Lesson: The Promised Branch of David

Luke 1:26-33, 46-55

Reader (*concludes*): And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

All: and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Passing the Peace of Christ

Fourth Lesson: The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-7; Isaiah 52:7-10

Anthem

Sans Day Carol

(Cornish traditional carol, arr. John Rutter, 1969)

Now the holly bears a berry as white as the milk,
And Mary bore Jesus, all wrapped up in silk,
And Mary bore Jesus Christ our Saviour for to be,
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly.
Holly! Holly!
And the first tree in the greenwood, it was the holly!

Now the holly bears a berry as green as the grass,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died on the cross,
And Mary bore Jesus Christ...

Now the holly bears a berry as black as the coal,
And Mary bore Jesus, who died for us all,
And Mary bore Jesus Christ...

Now the holly bears a berry as blood is it red,
And Mary bore Jesus who rose from the dead,
And Mary bore Jesus Christ...

Fifth Lesson: The Tree of the Cross

Isaiah 53:2-6, Matthew 27:1-2, 26-31, 45-54

Reader: For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;

**All: he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

**yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.**

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;

**upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.**

(continued)

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
**and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

(Reader continues)

Anthem

Evergreen

(Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown, 2016)

God on a cross; who would have thought it?
This place looks nothing like Eden
But there is no death here in the ruins
This is the land of the breathing

Out past the fear
Doubt becomes wonder, doubt becomes wonder
Rivers appear
And I'm going under, I'm going under!

Here in the wild, my hands are empty
And yet I've had all I needed
There is no drought here in the desert
I've found a water that's living

Out past the fear
Doubt becomes wonder...
Evergreen, evergreen, the Tree of Life is evergreen.

Meditation

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Blue #5

(Words: From Liturgy of St. James, 4th Century, trans. Gerald Moultrie, 1864; Music: French carol, harmonized The English Hymnal, 1906, arr. Fernando Ortega & John Andrew Schreiner, 2002)

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People, and the 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 and ever. Amen.

Sixth Lesson: The Tree of Life

Revelation 21:9-10, 22-25, 22:1-5

Anthem

And I Saw a New Heaven

(Words: Revelation 21:1-4; Music: Edgar L. Bainton, 1928)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and first earth had passed away,
and there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city,

new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband;
and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying:
'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people;
and God himself shall be with them and be their God;
and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,
and there shall be no more death neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain,
for the former things are passed away.'

Anthem

Alleluia
(Randall Thompson, 1940)

Closing Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten* **Blue #309**
(Words: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413, trans. John Mason Neale, 1854, and Henry Williams Baker, 1859; Music: Plainsong Mode V, harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940)

Benediction

Postlude

Christmas Fanfare
(Susan Caudill)

Worship Service Leaders

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Meditation, Offering Prayer, Benediction

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor, Welcome, Opening Sentences, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Prayers of the People (11:30 am)

Lionel & Lorna Gayle and Alexis McGhee (9 am), **Emmanuel Muma & Mirabel Njeh** (11:30 am), Advent Candle Lighting

Richard Bell, Maude Comeau, Peg Forbes, Noah McLeod (9 am), Betsey Newenhuyse (11:30 am), Raphael Singh (11:30 am), and Jim Wildenradt, Scripture Readers

Marge Stromberg, Prayers of the People (9 am)

Greg Scheer, author, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Hannah McConnell, Dir. of Worship & Music, Choir Director

Rebecca Chu, Organist

Crofton Coleman, Praise Band Director, Worship Leader, Piano, and Band Director;

Daniel Allen, Worship Leader & Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Noah McLeod**, Piano;

Kon Savoy, Drum Set; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, A/V Coordinator

Lynn Ostick, A/V Volunteer

Chancel Choir: Julia Coll, Alyce Claerbaut, Darshaya Oden°, Beth Rice, Annette Stover, Kay Suguira, Linda Takushi, Sopranos; **Allison Deady°, Lauren Kelly,**

Pam Pettibone, Peggie Robinson, Carol Smith, Judy Taylor, Verna Todd, Anne

Van Heukelem, Altos; **Christopher LaMountain°, Clark Robinson, Dave Taylor,**

Andrew Valentine, Tenors; **Tom Alrich, Bradley Fielding, Paul Koch°, John**

MacDonald, Basses

°Choir Section Leaders

Prayer Companions:

Eleanor and Ron Ehresman, 9 am

Bob Bastian and Eugenia Jeong, 11:30 am

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

Worship Services - Options for Families:

Children are welcome in worship!**

9 a.m. Blended Service

Infants/Toddlers – Crib Room

Ages 2-4 – Blue Room

Ages 4-8 – Children will remain in worship this morning. Activity clipboard can be found in the back of the Sanctuary.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Children 4 and under – Crib Room

** Worship journals & children's bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Changing tables & quiet space is available in the back corner lounge of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Meeting Between Services - Sanctuary

Members are asked to participate in a brief meeting to elect new Elders and Trustees.

Adult Education & Refreshments - Dining Room (2nd Floor) (10:30 am)

"Hope for a Hurting World" - Rev. Dr. Amy Peeler will teach on the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus. All are welcome!

Christmas Around the World All-Church Potluck

Today -12:30 pm
Roy Hall (2nd Floor)

All are invited to take part in our all-church potluck, reflecting the diversity of cultures and backgrounds found in our FPCE Family!

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