

First Presbyterian Evanston

Sunday Worship

December 20, 2020 – 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

FOCUS

Prelude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
(Savior of the Nations, Come), Setting III
(Anton Heiler, 1937-1978)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Hymn

What Child is This
(Words: William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871; Music: tune “Greensleeves,”
English Ballad, 16th c., arr. Christmas Carols Old & New, 1871;
CCLI Song #30983)

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle: Love

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, in this Advent Season we come to you confessing that we never have enough. We are never satisfied with what you have given us. We look at others with envy and we want more, even when our homes are overflowing with stuff. We think we are in need when really, we are just in want. We cling tightly to our things, hoping they will bring us security. Surrender is not a word we take seriously. Sacrifice is a word we use for giving up small things that don't really alter our lifestyle at all. Help us to realize that our privileged lives are often a burden and a hindrance to following you. Show us what it means to live in

complete submission to you and your purposes. May we hold tightly only to you. You are everything we need. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader: Now hear our silent prayers of confession.

(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah the Lord.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Faith in Action – Celebrating Retiring Sunday School Teachers

Scripture

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

1 Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." 3 Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 5 Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. 7 Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” 8 Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; 9 and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

16 Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Sermon

The God who knows

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes, Offerings, & Thanksgivings

Prayers of the People

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. Amen.

Closing Song O Thou That Tellest

*(Words: Isaiah 40:9; 60:1, arr. Charles Jennens, 1741;
Music: G.F. Handel, 1741, arr. Crofton Coleman, 2020, after Quincy Jones)*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
get up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
get up into the high mountain

Get thee up to the mountains

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem
Arise, arise, arise, arise
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
say unto the cities of Judah
The glory of
The glory of the Lord God oh

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
get up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion
get up into the high mountain

O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem
Arise, arise, arise, arise

The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee

The glory of the Lord the Lord the Lord

Say get thee up, get way up
And shout aloud the joy he brings
Say get thee up, get thee up

Say get thee up, get way up
And shout aloud the joy he brings
Say get thee up

Get thee up

Benediction

Postlude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come),

BWV 661

(J.S. Bach, 1685-1750)

Worship Service Leaders

Rebecca Chu, Organ, Prelude, Postlude

Hannah McLeod, Christmas Eve Promo flute, **Noah McLeod**, Christmas Eve Promo piano

Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor, Welcome

Louise Burton, Julia Coll, Allison Deady, Paul Koch, John MacDonald, Darshaya Oden, Ben Perri, Beth Rice, Clark Robinson, Suzanne Schafer-Coates, Kay Sugiura, Verna Todd, Virtual Chancel Choir; **Audrey Baxa, Rev.**

Amanda Golbek, Sally Ivaska, Hannah McLeod, Karen McLeod, Noah McLeod, Peter McLeod, Chris Vaaga, Lucy Vaaga, Beginning Bell Choir, **Bill Floyd**, Beginning Bell Choir Videography; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion, **Christie Miller**, Clarinet; **Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Dir. of Worship & Music, Virtual Chancel Choir Video Editing, Audio Editing, Beginning Bell Choir Director; **Robert McConnell**, Virtual Chancel Choir Audio Editing, Opening Hymn

Yemi Ajisebutu, Advent Candle Lighting

Caryl Weinberg, Dir. of Missions, Confession & Assurance, Prayers of the People

Jim Wildenradt, Scripture Reading

Rev. Amanda Golbek, Minister of Children & Youth, Children's Moment, Faith in Action, Sermon, Thanksgivings, Benediction

Crofton Coleman, Worship Band Director, Vocals, Video & Audio Editing, Closing Song

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as we serve and make disciples in Evanston,
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