

Happening @ Hanover

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Today, December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude:

Announcements

Call to Worship: In unison

God looks kindly on us when we are at our lowest. God has done great things for us in times past. God will do great things for us in days to come. Rejoice in God the Savior. Christ's mercy is upon us, offering hope in time of despair. Christ's love has made us whole. The Spirit's power disarms our pride and prejudice. The Spirit's power strengthens our mercy and compassion. Even as we are filled this day. May we go forth to nourish a world in need. Rejoice in God the Savior.

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle - Peace

Our Advent Journey begins with rules for the road. We are on the way to where God would have us be, and we're not there yet. But how shall we go? We shall go together, as one body, living and trusting in one another. We shall go as this community of faith, working side by side, and leaning into the grace of God every step of the way. We shall go in peace.

Isaiah says that in the days to come, the nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord, and there we will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; there we will learn war no more. God will teach us peace.

We light this fourth candle to burn as a sign of peace.

(Alongside our candles of Hope, Love, and Joy)

O come, O come Emmanuel.

First Scripture Lesson: **Luke 1:46b- 55**

"My soul magnifies the Lord, 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, he has 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"

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Call to Offering: "Remembering the great things God has done for us, we are now invited to return these symbols of our gratitude to God. Even when we offer small things, when they are given with the love of Christ in our hearts, God can transform our gifts into mighty miracles. Let us fill the hungry with our gifts. Let us lift up the lowly with our compassion. Let us remember a world in need. With mercy and love, let us offer ourselves and our gifts.

Offertory:

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson: **Luke 1: 26-38**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you. But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, for your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; for this is the sixth month for her who was said to be a barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." The Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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Sermon: **Great Women, Great Save**

Sending Forth: In unison

May God strengthen you according to the gospel. May the proclamation of Jesus Christ swell in your hearts and in your lives. And may the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. AMEN.

Postlude:

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We will be worshipping online only until further notice. To participate in the Zoom Devotion time, see details under the Fellowship tab on our website.

Organist: David Hottel

Pianist: Yvonne Davis

Praise Team: Jacob DeAtley, Deano Crafton

Gifts for the Giving Tree are due today.

HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

Sun	20	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Devotions and Fellowship
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group
Mon	21		Office closed
Tue	22		Office closed
Wed	23		Office Closed
Thu	24	4:30-5:00	Drive thru
			Communion
		6:00	Festival of Lessons and Carols
Fri	25		Christmas Day
Sun	27	8:00 am	Facebook Live
		9:30	Devotions and Fellowship
		5:30-7 pm	Youth group
Mon	28		Office closed
Tue	29		Office closed
Wed	30		Office closed

Music of the Season

During Advent, we are blessed to have Jacob DeAtley and Deano Crafton playing music of the season at noon on Sunday December 20 and 27. Yvonne Davis will be playing music of the season at 3:00 on Sundays, December 20 and 27. We are so grateful for their talents.

Thank you!

Drive-Thru Communion and Christmas Eve Services

Join us for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child as we hold a drive-thru communion at the church from 4:30 pm-5:00 pm on December 24th. Communion will be safely distributed to your car. Beginning at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve, you can watch our Christmas Eve service on Facebook Live.