

Order of Worship
December 6, 2020

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

Luke 1, selected verses

Mark Frazier

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.
God has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Lighting of Advent Candle

Liesl Arends

"Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord."

Whether we look out to the world around us or into our own hearts, we recognize our deep need for salvation. We light the second Advent candle to signify our longing for a rescuer, a helper, one who will deliver us from sin, from despair, even from death. Jesus, you are Savior.

Opening Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

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Verses 1-3

Opening Prayer

Tatiana Sabin

God of winter and starlight,
you have promised us your presence:
to live among us,
to right all wrongs,
to bring good things to all who wait
for your new day.

In these dark days,
we look for signs of your coming:
the sounds of children at play,
the music that fills our hearts
with anticipation,
the company of all who serve
the last and the least.

Make us at home with righteousness,
that we may be ready to walk
in your holy ways. Amen.

Scripture**Luke 2:8-12**

Linda Holz

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Sermon**Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas
Week 2: We Need a Savior**

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Special Music**Savior of the Nations, Come**

arr. Larry Sue

Alice Real and Fran Underwood, handbells

Offering TestimonyNoreen Quill, Rusty Smith,
Susan White, Cheryl Williams**An Advent Lord's Prayer**Britt Grotos, Miles Kerby, Audrey Smith,
Olivia Stevenson, Hannah Wines

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace—
hallowed be your name.

Christ our Lord, you descended to earth, to a lowly manger
to bring all nations under your rule
and draw us into your holy and perfect presence.
We bow at your manger in awe of your might.
Immanuel, God with us—hallowed be your name.
*Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.*

Prince of Peace, make your kingdom complete.
May we prepare a way for your kingdom
wherever there is violence and hatred
wherever there is oppression and injustice
wherever there is quarreling and alienation.
May we prepare a way for your kingdom of peace,
where the wolf will live with the lamb and the leopard will lie down with the kid.
In us, through us, and around us, your kingdom come.

Give us today our daily bread.
Bread of life, feed us with your truth.
In a season of greed and selfish desires
may we see that we are sustained only by your providence.
May our eagerness to open our gifts
Pale in comparison to our joy to receive the gift of the Savior.
May our discontent disappear as we approach the day of your coming.

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.
We need a Savior to come to us.
For our worry and our scurrying this Advent season, forgive us.
For the way we make this a season of shopping rather than waiting, forgive us.
For the security and comfort we seek from sources other than you, forgive us.
For our indifference to the wonder of your coming, forgive us.
Come to us, Savior of the world.

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

Protect us from the constant dangers and enticing temptations we face each day.
Deliver us from the oppressive evils of apathy, addiction, and abuse.
Strengthen your church when it faces persecution
for announcing the coming of your kingdom.

Comfort all who are suffering in their hearts or in their bodies;
give them health and peace to sing of your power.

*For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.*

Word who became flesh and lived among us,
we have seen your glory, full of grace and truth.
You come to us now, and you will come to us again in glory,
when we will join all heaven and earth in giving you blessing
and honor and glory and might forever!

Until that glorious day, we praise you for becoming one of us,
And we long for your glory to be fully revealed.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Brad and Susan Stanford

Benediction

Choral Response

Come, Dearest Child, Into Our Hearts

Frazier

Postlude

Tiento de 1er tono de mano derecha

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214 Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood; by the
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the

Son, here make thy home! Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God was the Word of
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Hu - man and di -

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
vine in one, ea - ger now his race to run!

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 213

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates;
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart;
 3. Re - deem - er, come, with us a - bide;
 4. Thy Ho - ly Spir - it lead us on

be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits;
 make it a tem - ple, set a - part
 our hearts to thee we o - pen wide;
 un - til our glo - rious goal is won;

the King of kings is draw - ing near;
 from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy,
 let us thy in - ner pres - ence feel;
 e - ter - nal praise, e - ter - nal fame

the Sav - ior of the world is here!
 a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 thy grace and love in us re - veal.
 be of - fered, Sav - ior, to thy name!