

SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

December 13, 2020

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. T. F. H. Candlyn

WELCOME Rev. Ken Coneby

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Gipson Family
This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! We light this candle as a reminder of the love of a Father, who sent his only son into the world in order to deliver it. Scripture says, "there is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear." Even in our darkest hours, Lord, we will fear no evil, for we know that you are with us. Fill our hearts with love for the world, that we might know your love, and the one whom you have sent – your son, our Savior.

*HYMN OF WELCOME *Joy to the World* arr. Douglas Benton
Sanctuary Choir

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, and wonders of His love.**

Sing joy to the world, the Lord is come!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Ken Coneby
MINISTRY IN MUSIC *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* arr. Heather Sorenson
Chapter 8

*It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*All you, beneath your heavy load, by care and guilt bent low,
Who toil along a dreary way with painful steps and slow:
Look up, for golden is the hour! Come swiftly on the wing,
The Prince was born to bring you peace! Of Him the angels sing:
"Gloria, gloria in excelsis, O peace unto all. Gloria Gloria!"
For lo, the days have come to pass by prophets seen of old,
When down into the circling years came Christ as was foretold.
His word of peace shall to the earth God's ancient promise bring.
And all who take this gift will hear the song the angels sing: "Gloria, gloria."*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Mandy Jones

*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14
This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Rev. Marty Vershel
Keeping the Lights On: Do Not Be Afraid

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF BLESSING *What Child is This?* arr. Molly Ijames
Chapter 8

**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;
Joy, Joy for Christ is born,
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.**

**Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

**Raise, raise a song on high;
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.**

This Babe, the Son, the Son, of God.

BENEDICTION Rev. Ken Coneby

POSTLUDE *Good Christian Men Rejoice* arr. J. S. Bach

** Please stand, as you are able.*

DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC Dr. Terry Morris

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC Cynthia Douglas

ORGAN Paul Butt

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CHAPTER 8 Cynthia Douglas, Raymond Fonseca,
Monica Hernandez, Casey Parrish,
Natalie Parrish, Kristopher Rodriguez,
Roland Rodriguez, and Laura Schachner