

**Leander Presbyterian Church
December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Reverend Robert McElwaine

**Lila Aud, Pianist
Phyllis Draheim, Accompanist**

Advent Candle Lighting & Prayer

Prelude

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head***

**Arranged by
A. C. Whitworth**

Gathering & Call to Worship

Micah 5:1-5

Now you are wall around with a wall.
Siege is laid against us. With a rod they strike the ruler of Israel upon the cheek.
But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you
shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from
ancient days.

Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought
forth. Then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD; in the majesty of the
name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for he shall be great to the ends
of the earth. He shall be the Onmne of Peace.

Hymn of Praise

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Prayer of Confession

Isaiah 8:9&10

Band together, you peoples, and be dismayed.
Listen, all you far countries.
Gird yourselves and be dismayed; gird yourselves and be dismayed!
Take counsel together, but it shall be brought to naught.
Speak a word, but it will not stand.
For God is with us (immanuel).

(Personal, Silent, Prayer of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading

Psalms Reading

Gospel Reading

Isaiah 8:11-9:7

Psalms 96

Luke 1:24-38

Sermon

**Plans From Before
The Beginning of Time**

Hymn of Discipleship

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**Invitation to Discipleship
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer**

**Offertory
Doxology**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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**Prayer of Dedication
Hymn of Response**

Joy to the World

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**Benediction
Postlude**

Es Ist Ein Ros'

Arranged by Mark Hayes

Lyrics for Today's Hymns

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive
Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine
Advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one
Heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel! Amen

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon
Virgin Mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories
Stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born, Christ the Saviour is born. Amen

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future
Years shall see, Evermore and evermore! Amen

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive
Her King; Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature
Sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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, wonders of His love. Amen

Credits

Service

Pastor Robert McElwaine

Phyllis Draheim, Piano

Kathleen McElwaine, Videographer

Lila Aud, Piano and Flute, Music Coordinator

Joel Aud, Service Support

Video Production

Person Responsible	Role
Kathleen McElwaine	Video tape, editing, post production, audio, titles, Vimeo upload
Susan Janes	Communications, Service Order of Service
Gene Hinkle	Technical Support, Webmaster

Links: Website - <http://leanderpres.org>

Sermons - <http://leanderpres.org/sermonsworshipmusic.html>

Readings

Isaiah 8: 11-9:7

For the Lord spoke thus to me while his hand was strong upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying: Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what it fears, or be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. He will become a sanctuary, a stone one strikes against; for both houses of Israel he will become a rock one stumbles over—a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; they shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.

Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples. I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. See, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. Now if people say to you, "Consult the ghosts and the familiar spirits that chirp and mutter; should not a people consult their gods, the dead on behalf of the living, for teaching and for instruction?" Surely, those who speak like this will have no dawn! They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry; when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will curse their king and their gods. They will turn their faces upward, or they will look to the earth, but will see only distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be thrust into thick darkness.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.
Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the
world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Luke 1: 24-38

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

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 of 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, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then 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.

Prayers

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Emogene Champion**
 Dave Beach & Family (Kim)
 Dan Kilgore
 Allen Striker (Sharon)
 Karen Thompson** Family
 Sue Ann Boren (Lila)
 McKinley Womack (Carolyn)
 George Hyman (Patty)

Karen Hambrick**
 Bobbie Caviness (Kim)
 Pam Jordan (Linda H)
 John & Rebecca McElroy (Lila)
 Renee Peters**
 Sharon Carline & Family
 Lonnie Smith (Kathleen)
 Dan Wise (Sue)

Texas & US Armed Forces

Local, State & Federal Government Leaders

Texas State Guard

** church Members

Joys & Announcements

Advent is when we normally begin a food drive for Hill Country Ministries by bringing a food item each Sunday. Please consider a donation to HCCM in the next few weeks to assist them in providing for those in need.

George Hyman’s bypass surgery went well and he was moved out of ICU last week.

Minute for Mission: Stewardship of Recognition:

Bible Verse: John 1: 12

But to all who have received Him – those who believe in His name – He has given the right to become God’s children. Recognition is that God has invited us to be responsible for our resources. Christian giving is a responsive act. It represents gratitude to God. Giving is a regular part of life. It is a spiritual discipline that reminds us who we are and whose we are.

Hill Country Community Ministry - Check HCCM’s website for information on how to make donations.

Birthdays

12/7	Anderson Garcia	12/8	Violet Dyke	12/10	Victoria Renfro
12/17	Jonathan Powell	12/21	Vernon Donaldson	12/29	Carmichael Garcia

Calendar

Services and other church activities have been suspended until after the next Session Meeting.

Scriptures **for December 27, 2020: Isaiah 61: 10-62:3, Psalm 148: 1-14, Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 22-40**

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