

**Leander Presbyterian Church
December 27, 2020
First Sunday After Christmas**

Prelude *The First Noel* **Arranged by Cindy Berry**

Gathering & Call to Worship **Isaiah 40:9-11**

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings!
Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings!

Lift it up, do not fear.
Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him.
His reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
He will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom.
He will gently lead the mother sheep.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise **Hark, the Herald Angels Sing** **#163**

Prayer of Confession **Isaiah 62:10-12**

Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people.
Build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones.
Lift up an ensign over the peoples!

The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth! Say to daughter Zion:

"See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."
They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD"
And you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

(Personal, Silent Prayer of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading

New Testament Reading

Gospel Reading

Isaiah 61:10- 62:5

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Luke 2:22-40

Sermon

**A Light for Revelation to the Gentiles
The Glory of Your People, Israel**

Hymn of Discipleship *The First Noel* **#156**

Affirmation of Faith		Apostles' Creed
Invitation to Discipleship		
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child</i>	#173
Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn of Response	<i>God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen</i>	#166
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i>	#165

Lyrics for Today's Hymns

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King."

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King." Amen

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor
Shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay a keeping their
Sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star Shining in the
East beyond them far, And to the earth it gave great
Light, And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises
To our heavenly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of
Nought, And with His blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel. Amen

Ah, Dearest Jesus, Holy Child

Ah, dearest Jesus, hold Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled

Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas All others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy. Amen

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today:
Ox and ass before Him bow, And he is in the manger now,
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

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 61:10-62:5

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

The Vindication and Salvation of Zion

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Galatians 3:23-4:7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2: 22-40

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

The Return to Nazareth

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



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** 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.

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 January 3, 2020: Jeremiah 31: 7-14, Psalm 47: 12-20, Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:1-18**

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