



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 20, 2020 11:00 AM

ADVENT IV



Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

Prelude

Duet 1, Op. 20: Allegro vivo

Heinrich Josef Wassermann

Call to Worship

Psalm 121 (NRSV)

I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

**The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
the Lord will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

People, Look East
verses 1, 2, 5

Red Hymnal 105

Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope, we rejoice in your sure promise
to send us a Savior who feeds us in the strength of the Lord.**

**Our Salvation lifts up the lowly,
yet we strive to promote ourselves.**

**Our Shepherd fills the hungry,
yet we strive to guarantee our own welfare.**

We have denied his power and disbelieved your promise.

**In your mercy, do not scatter us in our pride;
do not send us away empty.**

**Teach us to embrace
your will for us,
your Spirit in us,**

**your way with us,
for the sake of the One of peace,
Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 40 : 4-5 (NRSV)

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low.
Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

from Luke 2

Response

While We Are Waiting, Come

Red Hymnal 92

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Shepherds Glorify God

Luke 2 : 1-20



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song
as we interpret and expound scripture.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1 : 26-38

NRSV

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.

Sermon

How Can This Be?

Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table, lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

Sermon Hymn

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
verses 1, 2, 3

Red Hymnal 100

Affirmation of Faith

John 1 : 1-5, 12-14

**In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,
who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of humanity, but of God.
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,**

**and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.**

Offertory

Oh, Come, Little Children

Lynn Shaw Bailey and
Becki Slagle Mayo

Doxology

Red Hymnal 143
verse 4

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer



Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with
God's blessing to lives of service and love.

Closing Hymn

Love Has Come
verses 1, 3

Red Hymnal 110

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata on "Creator of the Starry Heights"

Pietro Yon

Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgists

David A. Davis

Mark Edwards

The Deptula Family

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Joey & Tiffany Hsia, violin

*Members of Choir 3-4-5 and
Chorale,*

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Elem Eley, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

Ian Lewano

Shana Lindsey-Morgan

Jeff Santoro

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MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS



In honor of Gabe Cano and Thomas Martin from Mabel Mouse

In loving memory of Peter Smarsh from Maria Smarsh

In loving memory of William and Estelle Edwards, Mark Edwards, and Henry and Elvira Christensen from Barbara Edwards and Tom, Theresa and William Christensen

In loving memory of Jack and Evelyn Pearce from Colleen, Jeff, Ryan, and Connor Santoro

In loving memory of Frank, Jane, Don, Janet and Anne Fagundus from Carol Fagundus

In loving memory of Mary Bauman from Denise Comsudis Hamren

In loving memory of Elaine & Gregory Comsudis from Denise Comsudis Hamren

In loving memory of Will Carraway (PopPop) from Peter, Audra, Caleb, Brayden, and Avery Collins

In loving memory of William McKenna from Lydia McKenna and Family

In loving memory of Barbara Gillespie from Jim and Cynthia Moorhead and family

In honor of our beloved granddaughter, Eme Moorhead from Jim and Cynthia Moorhead

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In honor of Doodie Meyer from Sallye and Ron Zink

In loving memory of In loving memory of Sally McFarlane from her family

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In honor of Dr. Ramani Pulimood, mother of Mani, grandmother of Nikhil and Philip; and Mr. Philip Ittyerah, father of Monisha, grandfather of Nikhil and Philip from Mani, Monisha, Nikhil and Philip Pulimood

In loving memory of Dr. Benjamin Pulimood, father of Mani, grandfather of Nikhil and Philip; and Mrs. Anna Ittyerah, mother of Monisha, grandmother of Nikhil and Philip Mani, Monisha, Nikhil and Philip Pulimood

In loving memory of William Borowski from Brett, Jenn, and Emily Borowski

In loving memory of Marie and Bill Kelly from their grateful family

In loving memory of Barbara T. Salmon Welch from her grateful family

In honor of the Staff and Session for your undying creativity, compassion, faith filled thoughtfulness and grace this year, my deep gratitude from Kim Kleasen

In honor of Rich O'Brien, Bill Creager and Barbara Edwards with deep thanks for you from Kim Kleasen

In honor of Noel Werner, Ingrid Ladendorf, and all the singers at Nassau Church. With gratitude and love for your creativity during this time! from Kim Kleasen

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In honor of Princeton Presbyterian Quintet - all members past, present and future by Kim Kleasen

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of Glenn Thomas from Kim Kleasen and Glenn
Thomas

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and nephew of Glenn Thomas from Kim Kleasen
and Glenn Thomas

In honor of the Children of Nassau Church from Carol
Wehrheim

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Ariel Courage and Susan C. Jennings

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Holland V, Steven J. Hough, Marsha K. (Hoffman)
Greenfield from Liz and Kim Beasley

In loving memory of Albert Angrisani, Robert
Fratangelo, Nicholas Sisko from their children and
grandchildren

In honor of Natalie Shelpuk from Marshall McKnight

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Prince

In loving memory of David Dugan Prince from Nancy
Prince

In loving memory of Mark and Todd Donaldson from
their family

In loving memory of Michael and Kathryn Loupos, Burr
and Sylvia Williamson, and Donna Williamson
Cervenka from the Loupos family

In honor of all military personnel serving our country
both here and abroad, including our son James
Loupos. from the Loupos family

In loving memory of Lindsey P. Christiansen from Molly,
John, Maya, Anna Lindsey, Hazel, Andreas and
Knud

Tending the Flock

Death—Buel K. Grow, Jr., husband of Anne in
Plainsboro, New Jersey on December 11, 2020.

Death—Carolyn W. Milley, mother of Jonathan, mother-
in-law of Gabriella, grandmother of Alex and Isabel on
December 8, 2020 in Massachusetts.

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