

GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn "Joy to the World" Hymnal #134

*Benediction and Congregational Response "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymnal #136 Ref.

Postlude

Serving Today

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Sermon on the Steps

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growing in the Spirit and joyously serving others



Interim/Transition Ministry Specialist Pastor: Rev. Dr. Gary J. Ziccardi

Christian Education is available for Children 5th grade and younger. They will be escorted from the front of the sanctuary right after the Children's Message. A Crib Room is available thru the narthex at the rear of the sanctuary. Questions? See an usher.

Large print hymnals and hearing assistance devices are available from an usher.

If you are able, please stand where you see an asterisk.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 23, 2018 9:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words for Preparation:

²³ "LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way." - 1 Kings 8:23

Good morning! As the music for meditation is played and the acolyte lights the candles, please use this time in silent meditation as we prepare to worship and meet God in this sanctuary.

Music for Meditation

Playing of the Bells

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Lafferty Family

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

During this period, please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it through the pew and back to the aisle. If you have special prayers of praise or concern, write them on the cards in the pew racks, fold in half and pass them to the center aisle at the time of the prayers for the people. We conclude by singing together:

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Hymnal #630 vs 4

* Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration,

Now and forevermore be thine!

Choral Introit:

"Joy to the World"

J. Rodriguez

The Call to Worship

Mary-Margaret Allen

Leader: Church, prepare to worship! Emmanuel is with us!

People: **A child is coming, a child of wisdom and strength and beauty.**

Leader: The authority of God will rest upon his shoulders.

People: **He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.**

Leader: He will be called the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

People: **He is King of kings and Lord of lords.**

Leader: Jesus, Jesus is his name!

People: **His is the name before whom every knee will bow.**

Leader: Every song of praise will be cast as crowns before him.

People: **For Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us.**

Leader: Let us worship!

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymnal #113

*Prayer of Adoration

***Congregational Response** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Hymnal #113, Ref.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR NEED FOR MERCY

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Have we done that this week or has Christ been crowded out of Advent? Let us confess our sins together.

All: Merciful Savior, we have the best of intentions, wanting to create memorable celebrations of your incarnation. We confess, though, that we get off track. We are dazzled by shiny lights and beautifully decorated trees, yet fail to be your light to a hurting world. We run from one holiday event to the next, yet fail to stop and be a Good Samaritan to those who need food and shelter. We sing Christmas carols at every opportunity yet fail to share the Good News of your love to those for whom the holidays bring depression, grief, loneliness and despair. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us a joy in the sacred, in the simple, and in being in your presence as redeemed children of God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God so loved the world that Jesus, God's only Son, came into the world to redeem everyone who believes.

People: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven because of Jesus Christ.
Hallelujah! Amen.

***Gloria Patri** Hymnal #581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Sermon on the Steps

Choir Anthem:

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:39-55 (NIV)

Sermon "Praise for Jesus our Savior" Rev. Dr. Gary Ziccardi

RESPONDING TO GOD

***Hymn** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout" Hymnal #100

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving God our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** Hymnal #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: God of extravagant love, fill our spirits with your love and place upon our hearts your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.