

**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 4, 2022**  
**10 am**

**GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD**

**Preservice Music**

Northside Chapel Praise Band

**Prelude**

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
~Arr. Anthony Giamanco

Andy Potts

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Siblings in Christ,

let us prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord:

**We open ourselves to the One who heard our cries  
and entered the world as one of us—**

**to shoulder our sufferings and reconcile us to God.**

Let us ready ourselves for the coming of Christ's eternal kingdom:

**We wait in expectation for the day**

**when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness—**

**when there will be wholeness, peace, and plenty for all.**

Let us worship God together as we wait and keep watch.

**Opening Song**

*Everlasting God*  
Brenton Brown | Ken Riley

Northside Chapel Praise Band

**Verse**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

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**Pre-Chorus**

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope, our strong Deliverer

**Chorus**

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God

You do not faint You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak, You comfort those in need

You lift us up on wings like eagles

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

### Leader:

Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ.  
More and more candles, more and more light,  
as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

### Congregation:

**God of Promise, come into our darkness.  
Renew Your hope and peace in us,  
for You alone bring life out of death.**

### Leader:

Receive God's promise of peace spoken through the prophet Isaiah:  
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

### Congregation:

**Almighty God, in this season of Advent, where peace seems to be elusive in so many parts of our world, we call upon you to enter. As we await the birth of the Prince of Peace, help us to open our hearts to the one who comes to teach us a new way of being. We pray in his holy name. Amen.**

## Response

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*  
(vv. 1, 3-4)

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### Verse 1

It came upon the 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 men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

### Verse 3

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low  
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow  
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

### Verse 4

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old  
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling  
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing

## Proclamation and Response

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### Anthem

### *We Believe (The Meaning of Christmas)*

Chancel Singers

Sue C. Smith | Cliff Duren | Dave Clark | arr. Cliff Duren

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### Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-21

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

**Leader:** This is the Word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### Message

*Incarnation: A Savior*

Pastor Jen Eschliman

### Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts to God

### Holy Communion

### The 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Communion Songs

### *What a Beautiful Name* Ben Fielding | Brooke Ligertwood

#### **Verse 1**

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High  
Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ

#### **Chorus 1**

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

#### **Verse 2**

You didn't want heaven without us so Jesus You brought heaven down  
My sin was great Your love was greater what could separate us now

#### **Chorus 2**

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

#### **Bridge**

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You  
You silence the boast of sin and grave  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal  
Now and forever God You reign  
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory  
Yours is the Name above all names

#### **Chorus 3**

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is  
The Name of Jesus Christ my King  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

#### **Ending**

What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

*Agnus Dei*  
Michael W. Smith

#### **Verse**

Alleluia alleluia  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns

Alleluia alleluia  
For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia

### **Chorus**

(You are) Holy holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb **(Repeat)**

### **Ending**

Amen

### **Closing Prayer**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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Charles Wesley | Rowland Prichard

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#### **Verse 1**

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

#### **Verse 2**

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne

### **Sending Forth**

### **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Christmas...In About 3 Minutes*

Andy Potts

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