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Pollocksville Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *(Responsive)* (Source- Rev. Susan A. Blain)

The Reign of God is drawing near:

The prophet calls us to change our lives!

Prepare the way for the Lord:

A just and peaceful path!

Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

For the glory of God!

Prayer of Invocation

*The Peace of Christ

Leader: ...The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

*Opening Hymn

"Prepare the Way"

See Insert

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Source- Rev. Will Ryan) Carol and Reid Nelson

Last Sunday we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope which comes in Christ. Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace. God has a peaceful dream for the world, and we dream it, too. We dream of a peaceful world full of wolves and leopards and lions eating and sleeping and dancing with lambs, kids, and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together, where war is a memory, and we eat at one table.

We light this candle in Peace.

On this day, we remember the Lord of All who brings peace surpassing all understanding.

Response

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*“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.”

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (Source-Weekly Worship)

Merciful God forgive us... Forgive us when we are quick to point the finger at someone else. Forgive us when we put our heads down and ignore the cries of injustice. Forgive us when we presume to understand the complexity of issues that divide and distract the peoples of the land your feet once walked.

Merciful God... forgive us, heal us, encourage us, and speak through us, that we may be transformed through the refiner’s fire, and the offerings of our hands and our hearts may prepare the way for the Christ child to be welcomed among us.

Silence is observed

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive) (Source- Isaiah 40:4-5)

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.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“Every Valley” by John Ness Beck

~ Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV – Tenor

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Mark 1:1-8 (Common English Bible)

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God’s Son, **2** happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah: *Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way,* **3** *a voice shouting in the wilderness: “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.”* **4** John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. **5** Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. **6** John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He announced, “One stronger than I am is coming after me. I’m not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. **8** I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon

“The Good News Begins”

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Rev. Thomas Wesley Moore, IV

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer and 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.

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

*Gloria Patri

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.

*Closing Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

See Insert

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

*Please rise in body or spirit

Bold: Congregation Speaks

~Today, Sunday, December 6th ~ 5 pm Session Meeting~

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For Congregational Use: Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Daily Readings for December 6 – 12 use the following web link:

<http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/devotions/month-month-lectionary-reading-list/>

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Prayer List Additions as of 12/06/2020

Walter Byrd (Jane Sobotor's brother) & Jane Sobotor, Cheryl Coeyman (lung cancer), Mike Coeyman (recovery), Gera & Bob Howe (Bob's treatments), The Family of Leon Matthews (Gera Howe's brother passed away), Deanie Moore (COVID -requested by Pastor T. Wes), Sharon Tew (kidney surgery).

**Please keep in your prayers those struggling to cope due to this pandemic. Continue to pray for the schools
– Remember the administration, teachers, students, and parents during this difficult time.**

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



- 1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw-ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930
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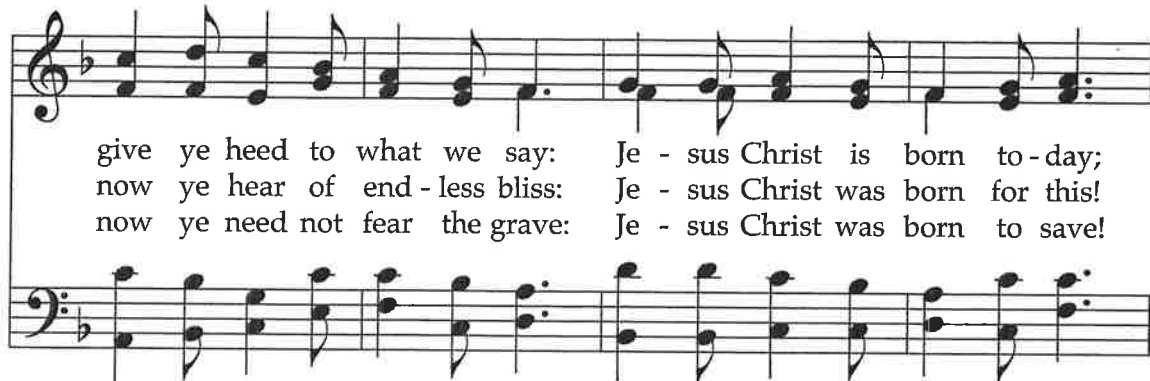
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

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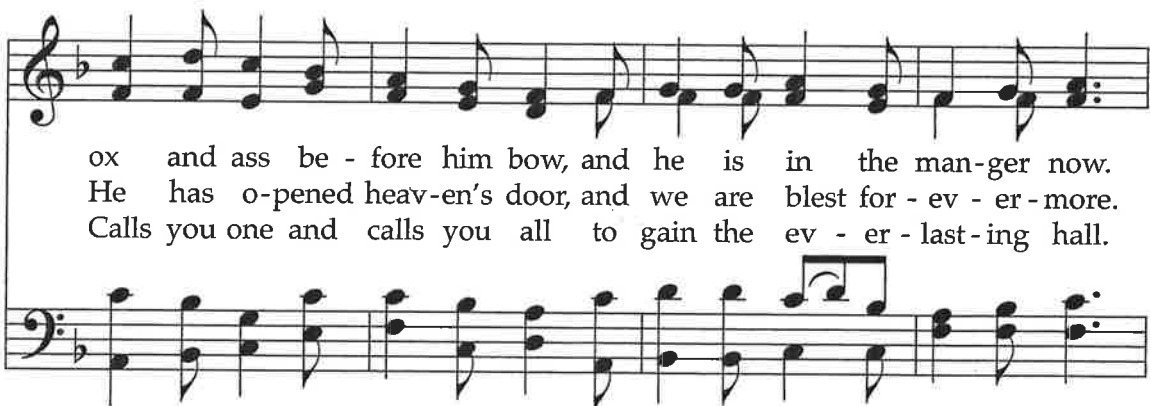
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1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.