

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 9:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude by Shofar Brass

Welcome

*Call to Worship

One: Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come to save you." (Isaiah 35)

Two: The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2)

One: The eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
The lame will leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. (Isaiah 35)

Two: Jesus said, "Go and tell John: The blind receive sight, the lame walk,
those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the good news is proclaimed to the poor." (Matthew 11)

**All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.
Let us go and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about! (Luke 2)**

*Songs: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (CH #278)

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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"Angels from the Realms of Glory" (CH #259)

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Chorus

Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:

5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

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“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (CH #279)

1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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Children’s Message

Shofar Brass: “Silent Night”

Time for Prayer

Bible Reading: Luke 2:8-18

Sermon: “The First Christmas: The Visitors”

Prayer

***Song: “Praise Him! Praise Him!” (CH #12)**

1 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory,
strength and honor give to His holy Name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
in His arms He carries them all day long.

Chorus

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him, ever in joyful song.

3 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him, Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
power and glory unto the Lord belong!

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***God's Blessing**

Postlude by Shofar Brass