



North Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

December 24, 2020

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Chris Snow

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel CH 119 vs 1&4

Call to worship

Jenn and Chris Snow

Tonight old dreams die and new dreams come to life.
The promise is fulfilled!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

Our candles illuminate our story. Dawn invaded midnight.

The Light of the World has come.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

And this light is a light for all; igniting a flame in the soul, warming us from within, radiating love, lighting our lives with the presence of God-come-alive in human flesh within us and among us now and always.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.

Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Chris Snow

Hymn O Come, All ye Faithful CH 148 vs 1&2

Isaiah 9:2-7

Katie Parsons

Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming CH 160

Luke 2:1-7

Debbie Jennison

Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem CH 144 vs 1,2&4

Children's Moment

Rev. Chris Snow

Special Music O Holy Night

Kylie Wright

Luke 2:8-20

Madaline Luher

Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing CH 150

Christmas Story

Rev. Chris Snow

Hymn Angels We have Heard on High CH 155 vs 1&2

John 1:1-14

Mike Morris

Hymn Away in a Manger CH 147

Advent Wreath Lighting

Chris and Jenn Snow

Litany of Light

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

(Lighting of Previous Sunday's Candles)

Meditation

Probably artists have portrayed the Christmas scene more than any other Bible story. Without much trying, we can envision the scene. Whether it is from a painting, a story, a song, or even a television show, we have “seen,” so to speak, this birth many times.

The scene is set well enough that we see the people and hear the sounds—the barn or cave, lit at night by lamps or torches; the animals making chewing sounds while Mary and Joseph are talking quietly. Perhaps Jesus is crying or nursing. The shepherds come excitedly, followed by townspeople. The Christmas star is bright in the sky. It is just as we imagined.

Imagine yourself somewhere in this scene. Where are you? Who are you? How do you respond? This is the crux of the whole Christmas story: God has given us a Christmas present—God’s only Son. What is our response? Where do we fit into the picture?

The scriptures we have heard this Advent give us, God’s people, a challenge. These words give us direction in our lives for helping to prepare for the reign of God to come on earth. It can happen in our lifetime!

Step out of the picture now and go from Bethlehem into the world, telling this good news of great joy to all people.

Christ our Savior has Come!

(Lighting of the Christ Candle)

Unison Prayer

God of miracles, help us to be messengers of peace, evangelists who bring good news and tell of your salvation to all people. Amen.

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Hymn Joy to the World CH 143

Service of Communion

Call to Communion

Rev. Chris Snow

Communion Prayer

Sheila McCrea

Words of Institution and Sharing

Rev. Chris Snow

Sharing the Light Which Has come to the World

Rev. Chris Snow

As you are able, we invite you to light a candle, turn on your Christmas lights,
or what ever you have available to let the light of Christ shine in your home.

Hymn Silent Night CH 145 vs. 1-3

Kylie Wright

Charge for Bearers of the Light

Rev. Chris Snow

Hymn Go Tell it On the Mountain CH 167

Benediction

Rev. Chris Snow