

PROCLAMATION

Anthem **Mary, Did You Know** arr. Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir; Cindy Soebbing, alto

Scripture Reading **Luke 1:26-47**
(pg. 56-57 N.T.)

One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **In the "UN-usual" Way**

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn of Communion **Angels, from the Realms of Glory** No. 149
(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Elder's Meditation Elder Mark Beal
Words of Institution Don Martin
Prayer of Consecration Elder Tom Spry
(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation. You may eat the Bread as it is passed, but hold the Cup to drink together.)

Communion Music **Twas in the Mood of Wintertime** arr. David Bottom

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.
All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.

Benediction

*Recessional **Angels We Have Heard on High** No. 155
(Ring Bells On The Refrain)

Postlude **Bell Carol** William Mathias
(Please remain in your pews until the Acolytes have left the aisle.)
**All who are able, please stand*



FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Michael E. Karunas Senior Minister
Don Martin Minister of Music
Tina Miller Associate Minister of CE and Family Life
David Martin Youth Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude 8:00 ***In Dulci Jubilo*** J. S. Bach
Dee Dee Gain, organ
10:30 ***Ding Dong! Merrily on High*** arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir; Jeannie Rade & John Baird, piano

Introit

*The Processional ***Joy to the World*** No. 143

*Responsive Reading Janet Lyman

Leader: In this time we come watching and waiting.

People: We come to this time with pregnant expectation of new life.

Leader: We come to the season of hope unfolding.

People: We live in this dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.

Leader: Let us come before God with receptive and willing spirits.

People: May we be moved to say with Mary, "Our souls magnify God's name and our spirits rejoice in God our savior."

All: Rejoice! God brings to birth new life and great hope.

*Invocation

*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.

*Gloria Patri

No. 35

Children's Message

Tina Miller

Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:00 Al & Chris Fagin
10:30 Tom & Diane Ritter

Reader: Mary, the soon-to-be mother of Jesus said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked with favor upon the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is his name."

Reader: Today we remember Mary, innocent and powerful, sacred and scared, worried and waiting as the Savior grows in her womb. She sings boldly where she might be meek; she bears her role in history with the confidence of a warrior; she is the beginning of a mighty revolution as the proud are brought down and the lowly lifted up.

People: Today we give thanks for the Mary's among us, who step out of the roles society has planned; unintended pioneers determined to do as God asks; fearless and fearfully stepping out in faith, and beckoning us to do the same.

Reader: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the third candle as a symbol of Mary, mother of God, bearer of the Way.

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn ***Come, O Long-expected Jesus*** No. 125

Pastoral Prayer Michael E. Karunas

Prayer Response

Offertory Invitation

Offertory ***Christmas Medley*** arr. David Bottom
Brass Choir

*Prayer of Dedication

*Doxology

No. 46

CHURCH CALENDAR

Deacons:

- 8:00 - Team 1 - Gene & Sandy Garver, Gail Prince, Debbie Hoffert, Al & Chris Fagin, Dennis Downey, Pamela Bednar, David Wagner
- 10:30 - Team 2 - Christine Lyman-Harm, Janet Lyman, Dale & Judy Ford, Erik Harm, Kathy Kauzlarich, Ron Oliver, Steve Swarthout, Andy Fulke, Janelle Beedle, Tom & Diane Ritter, Paul Gorden, Roberta Gorden, Thomas Karunas

Ushers:

- 8:00 - Team 2 - Becky Johnston, Capt., Bruce Campbell, Liz Campbell
- 10:30 - Team 7 - George Virgil, Capt., Linda Virgil, Jon & Jane French

Greeters:

- 8:00 - Ron & Jan Dobbs
- 10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford, Ron & Mary Jane Oliver

Acolytes:

- 10:30 - Peyton Swarthout, Amila Bradfield

P.A. Operator:

- 8:00 - Greg Carter
- 10:30 - Mike Kirby

Preparation of Communion:

Ron & Jan Dobbs, Karen Penn, Becky Johnston

<u>Sunday School Classes</u>	<u>Floor</u>	<u>Room</u>
Koinonia	2	212
Ecclesia	2R	240
Chalice	2	207
6th grade - 12th grade	2R	280
Kindergarten - 5th grade	2R	230
Nursery (Birth - 5 years old)	1R	150

Sunday, December 23, 2018

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- 8:00-Worship Service
- 9:00-Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
- 9:00-Fellowship Coffee
- 9:00-Youth Sunday School Classes
- 9:15-Adult Sunday School Classes
- 10:30-Worship Service
- 12:00-Praise Team Rehearsal, Great Hall

Monday (24)

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 5:00-Contemporary Christmas Eve Service, GH
- 6:30-Harp Concert & Children's Crafts
- 7:00-Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday (25)

CHRISTMAS DAY—CHURCH & OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday (26)

- 1:00– Personnel Meeting, 201

Thursday (27)

- 10:00-Al-Anon, 240
- 11:45-CINC, Disciples' Room

Friday (28)

Saturday (29)

Sunday (31)

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“Come, they told me....”

On December 23, we bring our “finest gifts” to support the regional church through our Christmas offering. This offering enables our region to gather Disciples in camps, conferences and assemblies; to assist churches in calling new ministers; to support new ministers in preparation for ordainment; and generally to foster faith development and promote the mission of the church in our own community and state, to name but a few functions. Please consider bringing your gift, “fit to give a King,” for this special offering.

Food Collection

The food collection for January 6th is canned fruit and canned soup. As always, the shopping cart is located in the Connection Café. Donations will be delivered to the Northeast Community Fund. Thank you for your generous giving.

Last Chance for CCC Note Cards

On Sunday, December 16th cards depicting Central scenes were sold in sets of 25 for \$5.00. We currently have 6 sets remaining for sale. The cards were donated by Dorcas and the proceeds are going to the Central Christian Preschool. This is a wonderful way to support our preschool. Please call or email the church office if you are interested in purchasing a set.

Contribution Reminder

If you plan to make a contribution to the church and wish to receive credit for it in the 2018 calendar year, it must be received in the church office or show a post-mark no later than December 31, 2018. All gifts are appreciated.

2019 Offering Envelopes

Your 2019 Giving Envelopes should arrive in the mail soon. Use of these envelopes greatly helps our financial group properly distribute your contribution. If you do not receive your 2019 Giving Envelopes, please contact the church office.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Christmas is a time of great anticipation, filled with wonder and joy. But for some people, it is a time of sadness and depression as they deal with adversities and struggles. If you know of someone who would benefit in receiving a prayer shawl or lap blanket from our church, please let the church office or one of our ministers know. By giving a prayer shawl, our church is letting someone know that God loves and cares deeply for them and that they are never alone in facing their difficulties. So during this Advent season, let us express our mission as a church to “share Christ, change lives and deliver hope” by giving someone this special expression of faith, hope and love.

About Today’s Music

Anthem ***Mary Did You Know with “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.”***

Words and Music: Mark Lowery and Buddy Greene
Arrangement: Joseph Martin and David Angerman

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Words: *Liturgy of St. James*, 5th century
Tune: PICARDY, French melody 17th century

Let all mortal flesh keep silence.

Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you delivered would soon deliver you.

Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little baby you kiss the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!

Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nation?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven’s perfect Lamb?
The sleeping child you’re holding is the great “I Am!”

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