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December 20, 2020 Online Service available 8:15 am

**THEME FOR DECEMBER: A Joy for All Seasons** 



### **OPENING WORDS**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH\*\*

Advent Song: Little light for you+

Through Bethlehem's skies, you sent your light, Into our world that silent night, Down through the ages, we can see, Your mercy and love for eternity

## Chorus

Lord I want to be a little light for you, Just a little, little light for you, Help me Lord to help someone see you through, Be a little, little, light for you

### PRELUDE

Angels from the Realms of Gloryarr. Jason W. KrugHandbell Choir: Todd Davis, Jan Ocamb, Wilma Rockey, Rylee Sorrells, Jeff Row, Jodi Walters

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* Pianist: Andrew Wickenheiser

Scott, Michelle, Presley, Sydney Loomis

Through heartache and cries, you send your love, Into our world, to lead us now, Down in our brokenness, we can see, Your light that can lead us to eternity

# CALL TO WORSHIP READING IN UNISON (Galatians 4:4-7 - msg)

Doug Eakin

But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent his Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage. You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as his own children because God sent the Spirit of his Son into our lives crying out, "Papa! Father!" Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

## HYMN\* Angels We Have Heard on High

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 Gloria In excelsis Deo Shepherds why this jubilee Why your joyous strains prolong What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King

See Him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise Mary Joseph lend your aid While our hearts in love we raise

### **OPENING PRAYER\*\***

Almighty God, we thank you for the privilege of calling you, "Abba Father". You have proven to us that you are the God of impossibilities. You created this last universe by the power of your word. You delivered your people from Egypt by the power of your hand. You sent us your only son by the power of your love. You welcome rebels and sinners by the power of your grace. Here in the midst of a pandemic-touched Christmas time, help us not to lose sight of the fact that nothing is impossible with you. Grant me faith to be joyful and joy in being faithful. In Jesus Precious and Holy name. Amen.

ANTHEM	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> Soloist: Jennifer Hughes-Beshore	John Jacob Niles
SCRIPTURE	Luke 1:26-38	Doug Eakin
ANTHEM	<i>No Room</i> Soloist: Cindy Durburow	John Peterson
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CHILDREN'S TALK	Rev. Raymond Brooks; puppeteer: Nehara Andrews	
SERMON	Faith-Driven Joy	Rev. Arun Andrews

Doug Eakin

## HYMN\* Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory Wing your flight o'er all the earth Ye who sang creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus Come and worship come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King Shepherds in the field abiding Watching o'er your flocks by night God with us is now residing Yonder shines the infant light

Sages leave your contemplations Brighter visions beam afar Seek the great Desire of nations Ye have seen His natal star

Saints before the altar bending Watching long in hope and fear Suddenly the Lord descending In His temple shall appear

Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Sharon Wilson

#### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Gloria* For two pianos: Todd Davis

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father Rev. Arun Andrews, Senior Pastor, Rev. Carl Ford Peterson, Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Peggy Spengler, Pastor of Prayer, Discipleship and Evangelism, Todd Davis, Director of Music Ministries, Barbara Zimmerman, Parish Nurse, Haley Warner, Director of Youth Ministries \*CCLI #27721, #31669/CCLI License #1758300, One License #A734025

\*\*Written by Arun Andrews +Little Light for You: Words and Music by Arun Andrews

### Please Share Testimony Sunday 2 Minute Video

On Sunday, December 27th we will look forward to testimonies of God's goodness, lessons learned, and lessons received in our lives. Would you be willing to share a 2 minute video recorded testimony that we can include in our Testimony Sunday?

Please record your videos using a smart phone that is placed or held horizontally and not vertically. iPhone users may kindly use the following settings: Go to settings, to Camera, to Record video, and choose 1080 at 60 frames/second. Place your phone no more than 6-7 feet away in order to get a clear audio recording of the video. To help more individuals participate, kindly strictly adhere to the 2 minute time limit. Kindly insert these words in the subject line of your e-mail while sending the videos:

**Testimony Sunday Video 2020** Submit your video to Nihal Andrews by emailing it to media@trinityumnc.com with a copy to pastor@trinityumnc.com <u>Submission by December 20th</u>.

### Project A.S.K. Assisting Students and Kids:

As Trinity church has done in the past, we are again collecting food and toiletry items for the needy students of West Shore School District. Please consider bringing items into the church and putting them on the designated table in the hallway. This project provides dignity, anonymity and a basic need to these students PLUS Trinity church is supporting OUR Community with this effort. There is a list of the preferred items on Trinity's website and a copy on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please contact Cathy Baum @ (717)-774-0907 for further information.

## Thought of the week from Celebrate from Heart and Spirit Group:

"Instead of beating yourself up when you are slipping, rejoice in the fact that you have the power to pull yourself back up." Gabrielle Bernstein

# **2021 SECRET SISTERS PROGRAM**

New ladies, of any age, are welcome to join by completing a pink information sheet indicating information about you (favorite color, food, etc). This is to be returned to Vicky Forman by 12/31/2020. You will be given your Secret Sister's name and information sheet for 2021, which will be selected by a lottery. Do not reveal yourself to anyone for the entire year. Requirements for this program are a gift on Mother's Day, her birthday, Easter and Christmas along with cards or notes of encouragement throughout the year. We currently gather with Zoom for an hour from 10-11AM every 3rd Saturday of each month, for a time to chat, share and prayer.

Please text Vicky Forman at 717-623-6568 or vickyforman1@gmail.com with any questions. For those already involved in the **2020 SS program**, due to COVID you are requested to drop your SS Christmas gift off at your SS's home (not at the church), and reveal yourself by putting a note on the gift stating "do not open until 12/19", and place a card which reveals your name and phone number so your SS can contact you directly. If you need help getting your package over to your SS please let Vicky know as soon as possible. Since we are unable to gather together this year, a Sister's name will be pulled out of a hat and given to you for the year 2021.

Praise: The joy of this season.

**Pray for:** Families and individuals going through loss and pain because of Covid. Individuals struggling with Opiod, substance, and alcohol addictions. Children who are neglected or having a bad childhood.

**Health concerns**: Bonnie Moyer, Rev. Carl F. Peterson and Linda, Freda Carlson, Ed Shelly, Patsy & Nevin Bashore, Dan & Adam Arnold, Shirley Sharpe, Todd Davis, Sue Beshore, Barbara Kiehl, Austin Estep, Rhoda & Mark Houser, Evan Semoff, Joann Frownfelter, Gene Matter, Connie Williams.

**Requests from congregation**: Emmitt - under treatment (boy struck by UPS truck), Sheri Hosterman, John C. Miller Jr. (son of Don and Nancy Miller)- lung cancer, Kevin Quinn (son-in-law of Rev. Carl F. Peterson), Marco Soto (uncle of Harry Rodriguez), Jo Wise, Roberta Danner (friend of Linda Love), Lee Creamer (son of Rev. & Mrs. Creamer), Jim Lutz (friend of Barbara Zimmerman), Family of Eva Wacker (Linda Love), Family and loved ones of Addison Parthermore (6 years old) who passed away (Rev & Mrs. Creamer), Pete Peterson (step father of Mike Kirkham) - Covid, Ruth Cruz Valentine (wife of Rev. Manny Valentine)- lung cancer. Makayla Dorwart (family circle of Millie Walters) - 20 year old with cancer in adrenal gland, Aruldeep Babu- recovering from brain surgery.