



DECEMBER 20, 2020

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Advent Hymn (sung softly)

WELCOME AND COLONIAL NEWS

OPENING BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: In God's Light...
Breathe out: I have Love...

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Here I Am to Worship (sung softly)

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

OPENING PRAYER

(Including time for individual, silent prayers of confession) . . . Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS

Once we walked in the darkness of sin.
Now we live in the light of God's love!
This Light shines in our darkness – and the darkness cannot overcome it!
For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE IN SONG *Jesus, Name Above All Names* (sung softly)

*Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

(Please turn and wave to your sisters and brothers in Christ)

THE MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 9: 6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

HYMN STORY

Mary, Did You Know (sung softly)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; ¹⁹ and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; ²¹ she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

SERMON

The Light of the World Brings Us Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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.

What Child Is This (sung softly)

***GO AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS**

***POSTLUDE**

Mary, Did You Know

Weekly Opportunities at CPC

- Advent E-mails will be sent Monday thru Friday
- Hymn Story - Children's Message - Adult Bible Study - Weekly Prayer Service
(will be posted on our Facebook page - Colonial Presbyterian Roanoke)
- Youth – Each Sunday Evening and Mid-Day Wednesday

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LIGHT AND LOVE....

Longest/Darkest Night Service: the holiday season can be a hard one for many people because of grief and isolation. We want to honor that by having a special "Longest Night" service that acknowledges our grief and offers comfort in these unsettled times. It will be posted on our Facebook page at 7:00 p.m. on December 21.

Christmas Eve – Christmas Tree - Service

Wherever you are on December 24.....Join us at 5 p.m. on Zoom.

We want to see your faces – We want to sing Christmas carols – we want to see your Christmas Trees – we want to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World on this Holy Night