

WORSHIP

December 18, 2016

10:00 AM
SANCTUARY



Guide
our Feet
Into
Surprise

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.
You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We Gather to Worship

CENTERING

Rev. Sally Johnson

PRELUDE

Partita on "Comfort, comfort", var. 1, 9
Andrew Hackett, organist Georg Böhm

CHORAL INTROIT

Blessed Be the God of Israel
MERLE'S TUNE

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

Jeff Graham

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

The Messiah is coming.

Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, who pondered and planed wood:

The Messiah is coming.

Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

The Messiah is coming.

+ HYMN NO. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
TRURO

+ LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Barreto Family

Shine on us, O Light of__ bless-ing; guide our path through
dark of__ night.__ Bear with-in us Wis-dom's
glo-ry; come to us, O Christ, the__ Light!

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ADVENT: GUIDE OUR FEET...

Nov. 27 ...INTO THE WAY OF PEACE
Promised Land,
Promised Time
Chapter 14
Rev. Nate Melcher

Dec. 4 ...TO THE EDGE
Women on the Edge
Chapter 15
Rev. Judy Zabel

Dec. 11 ...INTO MERCY
Keep Herod in Christmas
Chapter 16
Rev. Judy Zabel

Today ...INTO SURPRISE
Surprising People
Chapter 17
Rev. Nate Melcher

Dec. 24 ...INTO THE LIGHT
The Light Has Come
Chapter 17a
Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Lessons & Carols Remix
Rev. Judy Zabel
Christmas Day

Jan. 1 ...INTO SHARING

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

We will grow in our love of God and neighbor, welcome new people and heal a broken world.

Our Strategy

- Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-Taking Mission & Service
Extravagant Generosity

Sunday Worship

Sabbath Beginnings 8:00 AM
Communion

Sacred Journey 8:30 AM
Creation Spirituality

Traditional Worship 10:00 AM
Organ, Choir

Together We Praise God

WELCOME

Rev. Judy Zabel

THE ARAYA-HAANS FAMILY

Adhant Araya (Mom) Adonay Hanns (Son)
Feven Hanns (Daughter) Abel Hanns (Son)
Feruz Hanns (Daughter) Haenes Hanns (Son)

ANTHEM

Journey and Sanctuary Choir

Betelehemu
Nigerian carol,
arr. Barrington Brooks

Coming from a particular village in Nigeria,
this carol has become a favorite of choirs in the US. The text means:

How good it is to have a Father who loves and cares for us!
Where was he born? In Bethlehem, city of wonder!

Let the children come to the front for the time with children.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Nate Melcher

+ SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

The congregation may greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & LIGHTING THE LAMP

Holy Word, you are our guide and ultimate assurance. By your Holy Spirit, open us to your promises and commands and shower us again with the fire of your love. Amen.

+ GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:1-17
NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Surprising People

Rev. Nate Melcher

We Respond to God's Love

GIVING OUR TITHES, OUR OFFERINGS, & OURSELVES

MUSICAL OFFERING

What Sweeter Music
John Rutter
poem by Robert Herrick, 1591-1674

See poem on opposite page.

+ PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER
choral amen

We Take Our Worship Into the World

+ HYMN NO. 209

Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

The Acolytes carry the light of Christ into the world.

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E minor, BWV 548

J. S. Bach

What Sweeter Music

by Robert Herrick, 1591-1634

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart.
Which we will give him; and bequeath

This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honor, who's our King,
And Lord of all this reveling.

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

In Our Prayers This Week

Deaths

Harriette Justus

In Hospital

Marcia Engel (*no visitors*)

Upcoming Surgery

John Dunlop

Keith Howard, father of Adam

Hospice

Marie Cross

Irving English

Charlie Grimes

Care Centers

Kay Moberg

Katherine Hanson, mother of

Trinka Olson

Prayer Requests

The Araya-Hanns Family (newly
arrived immigrants from Eritrea)

Norm Briden

Laura Lee Dahlen

Kirk Ingram

Deb Kildahl

Leonard Koch, father of Kristin

Koch-Wahl

Jewel Mayer

Jan Pettit

Bonnie & Tim Tjaden, on the
death of Bonnie's mother Fern
Claussen

Randy & Sara Trask, friends of
Clarke Porter



If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 612-871-5303 or email Pastoralcare@haumc.org. This helps our church family care for one another.



Ministers

All members of the congregation.

Clergy

Sally Johnson, Minister of Worship & Spiritual Formation
Jim McChesney, Pastoral Care/Visitation
Nate Melcher, Associate Pastor
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Judy Zabel, Senior Pastor

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Missional Parking at Hennepin Church

To be an inviting congregation and welcome people on our campus, we need to continue being missional about how we park at Hennepin. **Please prioritize the church parking lot for our new guests, people with mobility issues, and families with infants and young children.** We ask all able-bodied members/longtime guests to please park in the Architectural Alliance lot, use street parking, or use the underground Walker ramp (paid vouchers available at Reception).

We Welcome You!

Welcome! If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. Please leave your contact information in the **Friendship Pads** found in each pew. Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church has a place for you. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

Welcome Bags for guests are available at the front of the Sanctuary.

Tours begin at the front of the Sanctuary after the 10:00 AM service.

Nursery for infants – age 3 is available in Room 107 on the main floor of the education wing. Ask any usher for directions.

Breakfast at Hennepin is downstairs in the Social Hall until 12:15 PM.

Coffee is available each Sunday in Carlson Hall. Our thanks to Jim Cone of Coffee and Tea, Ltd. for supplying our Sunday coffee.

We are a Caring Community

Pastoral Care: Please notify the church office if you, a family member or any other church member are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or are in need of pastoral care. Please call 612-871-5303 and ask for Pastoral Care, ext. 771 or email PastoralCare@haumc.org.

Congregational Joys and Concerns are posted each week in the Pastoral Care area of the kiosk in Carlson Hall. Cards for members in need of cheer are available to sign at the reception desk.

Downtown Grief Support Group:

www.mplsgriefsupport.com is a co-operative effort of downtown churches. Please see their website for the most current information.