

# THE LORD'S DAY

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

10 O'clock A.M.

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### Sermon Notes

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFLECTION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a slave,  
being born in the likeness of men.**

*And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

**Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on  
Him the Name that is above every Name,**

*So that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every  
tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of  
God the Father.*

\*HYMN OF ADORATION

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory #218*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHOIR

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**  
Congregation join on 4<sup>th</sup> verse #196

## Scripture Reading

### Luke 1:26-38

#### Birth of Jesus Foretold

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the slave of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## WCF, Christ the Mediator

*The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being truly and eternally God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time had come, take upon himself man's nature, with all its essential properties and common frailties, yet without sin. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary and of her substance. In this way, two whole natures, the divine and the human, perfect and distinct, were inseparably joined together in one person without being changed, mixed, or confused. This person is truly God and truly man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### based on the Lord's Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we have sinned against You in so many ways. We have not honored Your Name as Holy in our words and in our lives. We have failed to pray earnestly for our Lord's Return, living in anticipation and fear. Too often, we are ungrateful for our daily provisions. We desire your forgiveness but withhold it from others. We are prone to temptation and sin because we don't plead with You to enable us to resist temptation and the devil's schemes. Father, we beg you this day forgive us for these sins through our Savior Jesus, and His death for our sins. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### John 10:11,15,27-29

**I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*

**I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.**

*My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

