THE LORD'S DAY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

10 O'clock A.M.

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 4th verse #196

Sermon Notes

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Birth of Jesus Foretold

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

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

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF DEVOTION God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
Ushers come forward

#211

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Mary, Did You Know?"

Debbie Ciancarelli

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Doxology

#731

*READING OF GOD'S WORD

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible #1016,1017

SERMON

Mary's Favor

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#203

*BENEDICTION

*GLORIA PATRI

#735

There will be no evening service tonight. Enjoy your family.

Christmas Eve service will be at 6pm.
Come and invite someone.



Dear Congregation,

Well Christmas Day is just a couple days away. We've been spending this Advent Season thinking of our Savior's first coming from the Gospel of Matthew and Luke. We must also look forward to His 2nd coming as we also remember His first coming. How wonderful that Day will be when King Jesus returns from glory to judge the world and glorify us His people.

Sarah and I want to express our deepest appreciation to you as you continue to assist me in caring for Sarah. The past 24 years have been challenging since her accident. Yet we believe God is caring for us now more than ever through our amazing Fairfield Family.

I can honestly say that these past two years here have been the most encouraging for me as pastor having served the Lord in gospel ministry these past 36 years. Our Lord's Day worship is always a delight for me. To lead a congregation that so joyfully and enthusiastically participates in our corporate worship. Many of our number participate also in Sunday Evening service, Prayer Meeting and/or the numerous weekly Bible Studies we have through the week.

May God be pleased to bless us in 2025. May He grow us in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus. May He be pleased to allow us to continue to reach people in South Jersey that are without God and without hope in this world with the gospel of God's grace.

Pastor Chris and Sarah

^{*}Stand if you are able