

DECEMBER 20, 2020

BULLETIN

PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming” -Brahms

OPENING SENTENCES

An angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!”

**The child she carries will be God’s son,  
and the world will never be the same.**

An angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!”

**God was with her, and God is with us,  
drawing us into worship and praise.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,  
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.

Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,  
to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.

Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,  
to a stable called a nursery,  
with a light of love.

As we light our third Advent candle,  
**we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.**

Come now, O Child of Mary.

**Come now, O Prince of Love.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**An angel spoke to Mary: “Do not be afraid!”**

**And yet, O Lord, we find ourselves paralyzed  
by fear of what we do not know.**

**Forgive us of our sins, O Lord,  
and give us the faith of Mary to respond to  
your grace**

**with lives of grateful praise.**

**Let us hear the good news that she first  
heard:**

**Light is breaking. Love is coming.**

**The world is about to turn!. AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

SOLO

Wexford Carol

Maria Goodrich, soprano, James McCarthy, guitar

PSALM 89:1-4

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

GUITAR SOLO

“Bring A Torch Jeannette, Isabella”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN # 97 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
What the signs of promise are.  
Traveler, what a wondrous sight:  
See the glory beaming star.  
Watchman, does this beauteous ray  
News of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night,  
For the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, shadows take their flight;  
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, you may go your way;  
Hasten to your quiet home.  
Traveler, we rejoice today,  
For Emmanuel has come !

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Gigue on “Good Christian Friends Rejoice!” -Young

Organist: Jeff Seekins  
Pastor: Jim Hardy  
Soloist: Maria Goodrich  
Guitarist: Jim McCarthy