



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Church of Danville  
Danville, Kentucky

◆ Please rise in body or spirit.

Join in reading the parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Please silence your cell phones.

## GATHERING

Opening Voluntary      *Away in a Manger*      arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### ◆ Opening Sentences and Advent Candle Lighting

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 fourth Advent candle,  
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

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

Response No. 103, v. 2    *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

O-SO-SO

***Come now, O God of love; make us one body.***

***Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people.***

Come, let us worship God.

**The lighting of the Advent candles** is an old tradition. The candles generate increasing light throughout the season as we draw nearer to our celebration of the birth of Jesus, who is the light of the world. This morning, Eric and Jean Smith light the candle of love.

The ritual of **confession and forgiveness** is not a time of judgment; it is a time of grace. It is not a time to fear God; it is a time to experience God's unending love through Jesus. It is a time to take a load off our shoulders so that we might more freely live.

◆ Hymn No. 110

*Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Into a world which worships violence,

**Come, Prince of Peace.**

Into a people so absorbed with ourselves,

**Come, Servant of God.**

Into our endless cycle of broken promises,

**Come, Keeper of your Word.**

**As we wait for your peace, your grace, your hope, your healing,  
forgive us, that we might see these gifts are  
already ours, through Jesus Christ, our Lord...**

(time for silent prayer)

Kyrie No. 121, v. 4

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Declaration of Forgiveness

◆ Sung Response No. 113, Refrain *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

◆ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**WORD**

Time with Young Disciples

Amy Wilson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading      Isaiah 7:10-16      Pew Bible O.T. p. 636

Psalms      Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19      Pew Bible O.T. p. 540

Gospel Reading      Matthew 1:18-25      Pew Bible N.T. p. 1

Sermon      “Emmanuel”      Caroline M. Kelly

## RESPONSE

◆ Hymn No. 137      *He Came Down*      HE CAME DOWN

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, the creator and giver of life,  
who brought all creation to birth, who mothers us and fathers us,  
protecting, nurturing, and cherishing us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ: God born among us as a fragile baby,  
embodying both love and the need for love,  
and calling us to rest in God as trustingly as a tiny child.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, breathed into us at our birth,  
always drawing us on to be born again,  
encouraging, exhorting, comforting,  
nourishing our growth and inspiring our living.**

**We believe in the reconciliation of the world to God,  
through Christ. Hunted at birth and humiliated at death,  
Christ entered our fearful darkness so that we might enter his  
glorious light and share the life of his resurrection.**

**And we believe that each new child is a glimpse of the face of God,  
a sign of the life to come, and a call to live in peace  
and celebrate living together.**

Prayers of Intercession, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Greet those near you  
with the blessing:  
“May the peace of  
Christ be with you.”

After each reading, the  
liturgist says:  
The word of the Lord.  
The congregation  
responds:  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Affirmation of  
Faith is written by the  
Rev. Nathan Nettleton,  
Laughing Bird Liturgical  
Resources, 1999.

Please sign the Friendship Pad during the Musical Offering.

To give electronically please use this QR code or log into the Church Life app.



Musical Offering	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson
◆ Doxology	<i>These Gifts We Joyfully Bring</i>	GREENSLEEVES
<i>These gifts we joyfully bring to you, to fill the world with meaning; our hearts and minds are longing for the life of which you are dreaming. This, this our gift we bring, our lives we share, your praise we sing; show us your vision, Lord, for hope, and peace, and caring.</i>		
◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
<b>SENDING</b>		
◆ Hymn No. 119	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	MENDELSSOHN
◆ Blessing and Charge		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Love Has Come</i>	Christopher Uehlein

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

#### Leading worship:

Preacher .....Caroline M. Kelly  
 Liturgist .....Eric Smith  
 Musicians .....Zach Klobnak and The Bell Choir

#### Assisting with worship:

Ushers .....Jacob Brown and Katie Beth Woolcott  
 Elder/Deacon of the Week .....Jim Boyd  
 Greeter .....Logan Young  
 Nursery Volunteer .....Laurie Pierce

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## WELCOME

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are glad you found your way to The Presbyterian Church of Danville. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, the *Salt Shaker*, in the Walnut Street Lobby and check out our website at [presbydan.org](http://presbydan.org) and Facebook page at [presbydan](https://www.facebook.com/presbydan). If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please speak to the pastor.

**CHILDCARE** is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also invite you to bring your child with you to worship. Children's activity bags are located in the front and back of the Sanctuary and we welcome children to participate in worship by helping with the offering and bringing communion elements forward. Children are invited to take part in the Time with Young Disciples.

**FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please locate and sign the pad in your pew during the offering.

**HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS AND BIBLES** are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. An usher will be glad to assist you.

**PRAYER CARDS:** The lavender colored cards for prayer requests are in each pew rack. Please place your requests in the offering plate and our prayer ministry team will offer prayers for your requests.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** We are a Stephen Ministry Church. Stephen Ministers are trained members of the congregation who are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care needed to make it through difficult times. If you, or someone you know, needs a Stephen Minister, please contact Alice Davis, 859-583-5995, or the church office, 859-236-6692.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** Donuts and hot beverages are available in Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Becky Gash for creating the beautiful Advent wreath for the Sanctuary.

***The Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Hope*** will be held at 4:30 pm this afternoon in the sanctuary. The service is sponsored by Stephen Ministry. A light supper and fellowship will follow. The service is open to all; come and bring a friend.

**Please join us on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the Messiah's birth.** The 5:30 p.m. service will feature a family-friendly service of Lessons and Carols for all ages and the 11:00 p.m. service will feature our adult choir, a brass quintet, and other special music. Communion will be celebrated at both services.

The **office will close** at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday. We will reopen at 8:30 on Friday.

There will be **one worship service** at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 29. Faith Formation classes will not meet.

There will not be a **Salt Shaker** in January. Stay connected through the Grain of Salt, bulletin announcements and Facebook.

There are a few items (coffee, chocolate mint cookies and a jar of spices) left for purchase from the **Christmas Gift Market**. Stop by the office and check them out.

The latest copy of *These Days* devotionals are available in the Lobby, Fellowship Hall and Narthex.

2020 is quickly approaching! If you **give electronically** and your pledge amount will change, please don't forget to update it with your banking institution. If you give through AccessACS, you must log in and update your gift. Giving dates end at year-end unless you specify otherwise. Contact Lynn if you need help or have questions.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the many activities this past weekend. From Soups on Us to the receptions, Messiah, and all the set-ups and clean-ups, many hands make light work. Your help was greatly appreciated!

## MISSION

Today we will be collecting the **Joy Offering**. This offering helps support our church workers past and present. Please give with joy to this Joy Offering.

## FAITH FORMATION

The **book study class** will meet in Room 122 today to discuss Part I of *Messiah*. It will meet again on January 19. Our next book, *Simply Jesus*, by N. T. Wright, can be purchased in the church office for \$5.00.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Prayer list:** John Rodes, John Nelson, Norman Green, Judith Pointer Jia, Jane Love, Charlie Taylor, Bill Weigle, Kila Tripp (Janelle Dishman's granddaughter), Ken Harmon, Jackie Owens, Jean Ragland, Jim Stewart and Ann Erwin

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Day of Winter

8:30 AM Worship with Eucharist

9:30 AM Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 AM Worship

4:30 PM Longest Night Service and Light Meal

### Monday, December 23

10:00 AM AA Meeting

### Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Office Open Till Noon

5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

### Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Closed

10:00 AM AA Meeting

### Thursday, December 26

Church Closed

6:00 PM NAMI

### Friday, December 27

10:00 AM AA Meeting

### Saturday, December 28

### Sunday, December 29

First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM Worship

### Upcoming 10 a.m. Service Dates:

December 29

*First Sunday of Christmas*

January 12

*Confirmation Sunday*

## STAFF

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## SESSION

Moderator: The Rev. Caroline M. Kelly

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### CLASS OF 2020

Katie Banks, Charlie Boyd, Steve Messer, AJ Strauch and Mark Tibbles

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Jim Boyd, Mary Covell, Alice Davis, Roger Hartner and Peggy Tudor

### CLASS OF 2022

Greg Caudill, Vickie Glidewell, Susan Matherly and Eric Smith

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Co-Moderator: Scott Johnson

Communicator: Sara Egge

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### CLASS OF 2021

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