



December 19, 2021 - Livestream
4th Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

What Child Is This

arr. T. Albrecht

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brandon Wallace

Leader: Lead us Lord Jesus with your strength and majesty,
People: and bring us into the meadows of your peace.

*OPENING HYMN #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

***Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:***

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

***Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]***

***Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]***

***Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]***

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

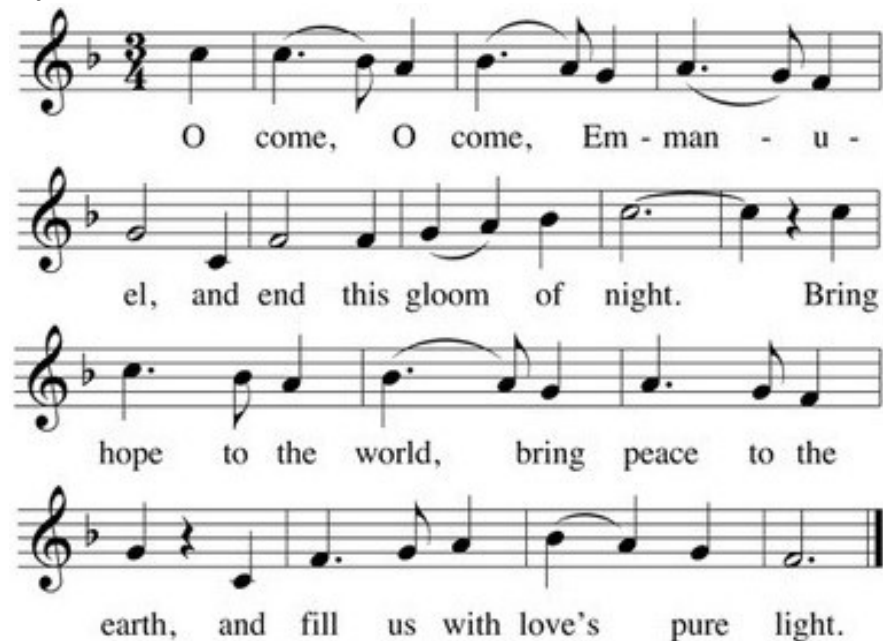
²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. ³The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his kindred will return from exile to their own land. ⁴And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. ⁵And he will be the source of peace.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir: Creator of the stars of night, thy people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, Savior of all, hear thy servants when they call.

Congregational Refrain:



O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

Litany

Graves Family (8:30)
Bonner Family (11:00)

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord who has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

People: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.

People: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: God's mercy is for those who revere the Lord from generation to generation.

People: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: God has humbled the proud and lifted up the lowly;

People: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Leader: This morning we light four candles: the candles of hope, salvation, joy and love....

Today we celebrate God's gift of love in Jesus Christ.

Congregational Refrain

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Darren Cushman Wood

HYMN OF PRAYER

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Tune: W Zlobie Lezy #229

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, maiden mother, wise and mild.

Sing of God's own Son most holy, who became her little child.

Fairest child of fairest mother, God the Lord who came to earth,

Word made flesh, our very brother, takes our nature by his birth.

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, in the home at Nazareth.

Toil and labor cannot weary love enduring unto death.

***Constant was the love he gave her, though it drove him from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer, till on Calvary he died.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Tune: W Zlobie Lezy #229

***Joyful mother, full of gladness, in thine arms thy Lord was borne.
Mournful mother, full of sadness, all thy heart with pain was torn.
Glorious mother, now rewarded with a crown at Jesus' hand,
age to age thy name recorded shall be blest in every land.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Brandon Wallace

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00)

Ave Maria

J. Busto
Cathedral Singers

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus
*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the
ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis
fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour
nostrae. Amen.
of our death. Amen.*

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Elizabeth's Line

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #238

Angels We Have Heard on High

***Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.***

Refrain: *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

***Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]***

***Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]***

***See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]***

*THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. W. Wold

*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and
in memory of Paul and Martha Benedict by Katherine Benedict.*

*The red carnation on the altar is in celebration of the births of
Ainsley Ann and Eliza Grafton Balko born on December 7
to Grafton and Steve Balko and big brother Archie.*

Coming up at North:

Longest Night Service, Today at 6pm in the Chapel

Christmas Eve Service, Friday, December 24 – one service at 7:30pm - in person and livestream

4-Week Study on Theology and Violence, Tuesdays Jan 11- Feb 1, 6:30-8pm

To sign-up email asell@northchurchindy.com

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor

Brandon Wallace, Minister of Youth & Young Adults

Jack Haefling, Jeff Linnan and Carol Tiller-Luchtman, Audio Visual

Heather Hinton, Organist

Mark Gilgallon, Music Director

Child Care is available for ages 6 weeks to 5 years old in room 102.

Children (K-6) Sunday School in Fellowship Hall

Youth (7-12) Sunday School in Youth Room

Children's Church during 11am service in the Fellowship Hall for all kids grade K-6.