

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Worship Service
10 a.m.**

December 19, 2021

**The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Worship Book**

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GRACE NOTES *"Mary, Mary, Rock Your Little Baby"*

WELCOME

Pastor Kevin

VIDEO: *"The Wonder of Christ's Love"*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Goni Laseke

HYMN **"Angels, We Have Heard on High"** page 278

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain

Glo—ri-a in excelsis De-o
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Verse 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

Verse 4

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.

Refrain

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Love

Richard and Janet Benney

*Love, love, love -**The heart of Christ is love.**On all who come He pours His presence,**Life and love in holy essence.**Love, love, love -**The heart of Christ is love.***SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:8-22 (ESV)**

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us.

¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and let the male children live?”

¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.”

²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

OFFERING*"The Birthday of the King"*

Jim Blair

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below.
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 2:13-23 (ESV)

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

SERMON: *“Seeing Hope through Our Tears”*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN*

CLOSING SONG “What Child Is This?” page 281

Verse 1

What child is this, who laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
With anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard
And angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

Verse 3

So bring Him incense, gold, and
myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday – What Now? After-service Discussion centered on today's Bible passage and sermon.

Wednesday – The sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays at noon for prayer. Come and pray.

Thursday – No Bible Study December 23 & 30.

The Encouraging Word – If you would like to receive the weekly email of the prayers from the Sunday service, please call or email Claralee Williams.

Christmas Eve – 6 p.m. Soup Meal & 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service