

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
December 20, 2020
Advent IV

WELCOME

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

All: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

All: I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

From Psalm 9

SINGING PRAISES

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #251 (verses 1 and 3)

(Refrain:)

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.*

(Refrain)

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blesses Christmas morn.*

(Refrain)

CANDLES & CREATIVITY

With thanks to the Barnes family!

FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:46-56

CHOIR ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

"How Far is it to Bethlehem" by Francis Chesterton, arr. Bruce Borton

WITNESSING GOD'S WORK

All: Gracious God, we know it is your intent to invite the powerful down from secure stations and raise the poor into the safety for which they long. We pray this mighty work would begin in us as we remember your love for us and confess our attachments to systems of domination.

(Personal Prayer Time)

Hear the Good News: Jesus offers to free us from attachments to wealth, power, and privilege; Jesus extends liberation from the limitations trauma, the diminishment of shame, and the tentacles of poverty. God's love is on the move. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven. Let us celebrate the Peace of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Matt, Lou A, Deb B, Jeff C, Richard C, Andy C, Linda G, David G, Barbara H, Danielle K,
Tiernan K, Evy S, Cindy S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe

This Week's Requests:

The Tabernacle community wishes everyone a Merry Christmas! Please stay safe this holiday from Covid and driving. Peace.

Surely the Presence

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Disciples' Prayer Remix

Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.
May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.
May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfolded on earth.
Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.
For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort and strength. Amen.

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A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

MESSAGE

SINGING OUR FAITH

“Angels We Have Heard on High” #238

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

(Refrain:)

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains pro-long?

What the glad-some 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)

BENEDICTION