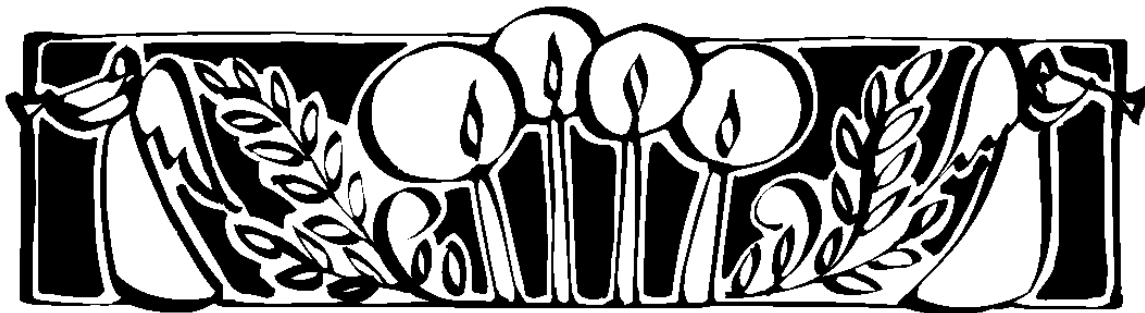


FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH

*Seeking the peace and well-being of the city*

December 18, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Fourth  
Sunday  
in Advent



**PRELUDE**

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

K. Sadowski

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**ADVENT INTROIT**

Prepare the Way of the Lord  
Prepare the Way, O Zion (#152)

M. Burkhardt  
BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#176 Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

TRURO

C G7 D C E C F G7 D C G B Am G B

1 Lift up your heads, O might - y gates: be - hold, the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart: make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 4 So come, my Sov - ereign, en - ter in! Let new and

Csus C Dm F C E Dm C G G B D G G B

King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 you: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me your in - ner -  
 no - bler life be - gin! Your Ho - ly Spir - it

C G D D7 G G F E C Dm C Dm F G G7 C

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel: your grace and love in me re - veal.  
 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

WORDS: George Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878); para. Psalm 24:7-10  
 MUSIC: Thomas Williams' *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

TRURO  
 L.M.

## **\*INVOCATION AND 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O LORD, we confess our desire for control.  
We like to be in charge of our lives.  
We have expectations of ourselves and others,  
and especially of you.  
We have plans for our flourishing.  
Yet so often our expectations are dashed,  
and our plans come to nothing.  
When our lives do not unfold as we would like,  
we try to fix them,  
not recognizing your Spirit moving in unexpected ways.  
Teach us to trust your steady hand in the ebb  
and flow of our lives  
Remind us that your Spirit may surprise us.  
Assure us that your enduring love will make  
all things well.**

*(Silence for personal confession and reflection)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **\*GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

**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.**

## **ANTHEM**

Come to Us, O Promised One

L. Larson

# FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-16

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES (The Candle of Love)

Prepare the Way of the Lord.

**We light this candle in love,**

the love that Jesus, our Saviour, has for us.

**Prepare, then, the Way of the Lord.**

## \*CAROL OF PRAISE

#169 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came.

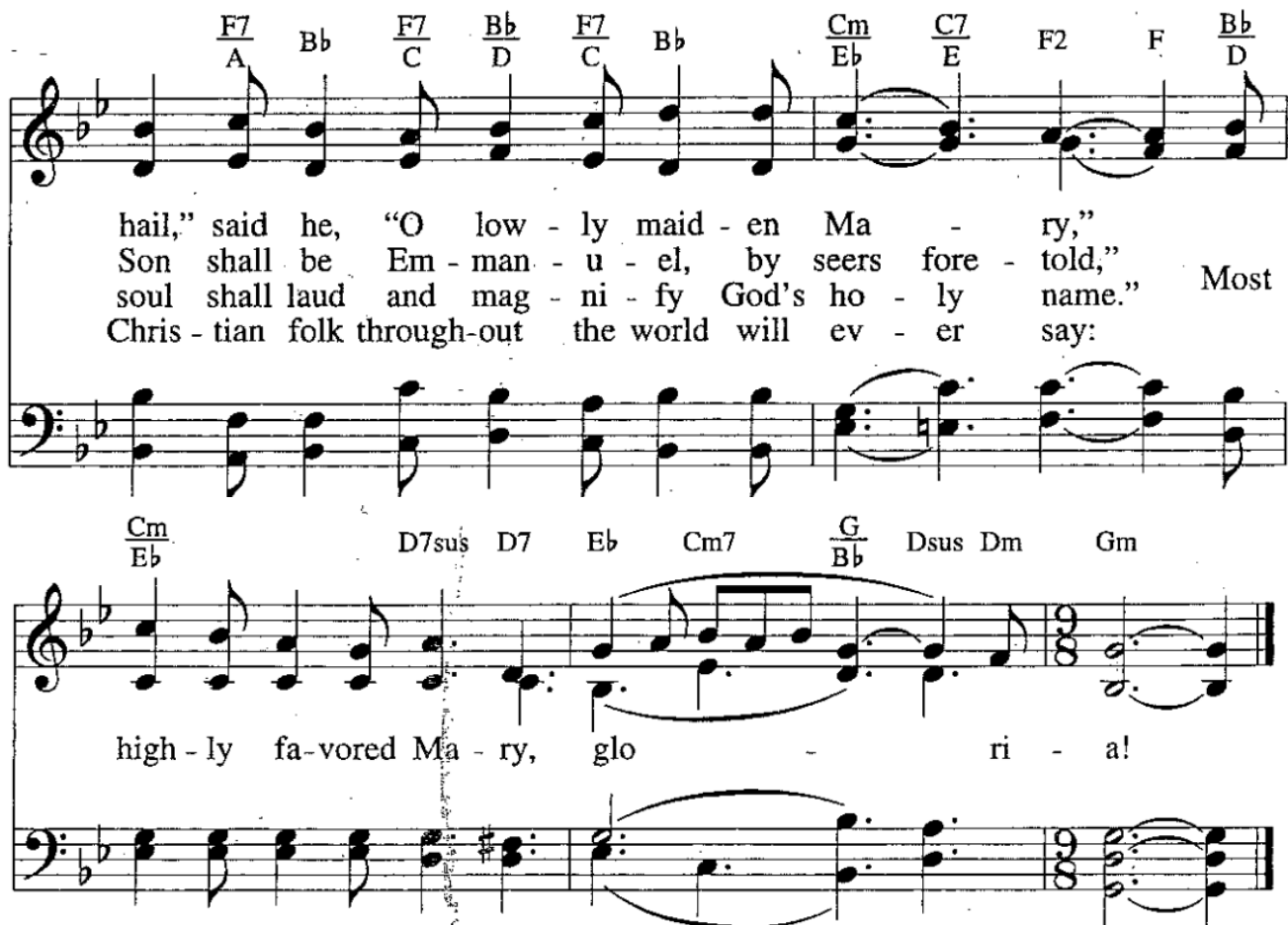
GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 9/8. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 9/8. The music is in 9/8 time. The first system has a 9-measure phrase, followed by a 12-measure phrase, and a final 9-measure phrase. The second system has a 9-measure phrase, followed by a 12-measure phrase, and a final 9-measure phrase. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The chords are indicated above the treble staff.

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, his  
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, all  
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly 'bowed her head. "To  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born in

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame, "All  
gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, your  
me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My  
Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, and

$\frac{F7}{A}$   $Bb$   $\frac{F7}{C}$   $\frac{Bb}{D}$   $\frac{F7}{C}$   $Bb$   $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$   $\frac{C7}{E}$   $F2$   $F$   $\frac{Bb}{D}$



hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"  
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,"  
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name." Most  
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

$\frac{Cm}{Eb}$   $D7sus$   $D7$   $Eb$   $Cm7$   $\frac{G}{Bb}$   $Dsus$   $Dm$   $Gm$

high - ly fa - vored Ma - ry, glo - ri - a!

WORDS: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt.  
 MUSIC: Basque melody; arr. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943), John Wickham (20th c.)  
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GABRIEL'S MESSAGE  
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## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

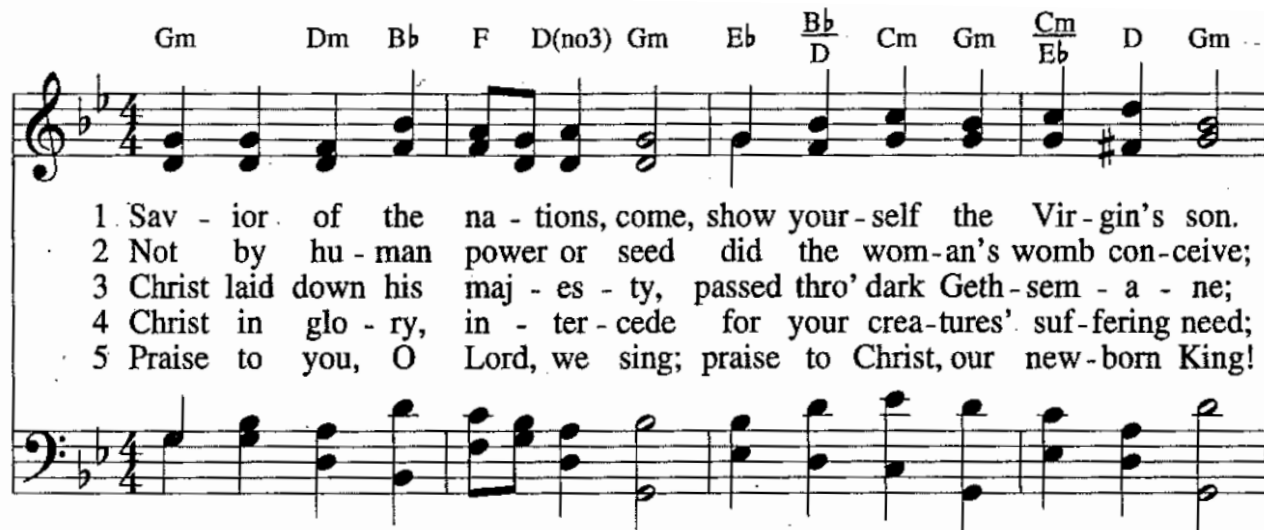
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## \*CAROL OF MEDITATION

#168 Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

$Gm$   $Dm$   $Bb$   $F$   $D(no3)$   $Gm$   $Eb$   $\frac{Bb}{D}$   $Cm$   $Gm$   $\frac{Cm}{Eb}$   $D$   $Gm$



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, show your - self the Vir - gin's son.  
 2. Not by hu - man power or seed did the wom - an's womb con - ceive;  
 3. Christ laid down his maj - es - ty, passed thro' dark Geth - sem - a - ne;  
 4. Christ in glo - ry, in - ter - cede for your crea - tures' suf - fering need;  
 5. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; praise to Christ, our new - born King!

Gm F Bb F Gm Eb Cm Gm Dm Bb F D(no3) Gm

Fill with won - der, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth.  
 on - ly by the Spir - it's breath was the Word of God made flesh.  
 though he left his Fa - ther's home, Christ now sits on God's own throne.  
 let your res - ur - rect - ing power soon com - plete the vic - tory hour.  
 With the Fa - ther, Spir - it, one, let your last - ing king - dom come.

WORDS: Attr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th c.; German version,  
 Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Calvin Seerveld (1930- )  
 MUSIC: *Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Seth Calvisius (1556-1615)  
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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND  
 7.7.7.7.

## SECOND READING

Matthew 1:12-25

Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

## SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

## CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### Offertory

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

Trad. German Carol

### \*Offertory Response

So, bring him incense, gold and myrrh,

come, peasant, king, to own him;

the King of kings salvation brings,

let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud,

the babe, the son of Mary!

### \*Prayer of Gratitude

# \*CAROL FOR THE JOURNEY

#189 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Bb Bb Bb Bb F Bb Eb Bb Gm F A F7 Bb

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions' beam a - far;  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long, in hope and fear,

Bb Bb Bb F7 Gm D Gm D Gm Gm F C7 F

you who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
seek the great De - sire of na - tions, you have seen the na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

F Bb Eb Cm Bb Cm Gm Fsus F7 Bb

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

WORDS: James Montgomery (1771-1854)  
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)

REGENT SQUARE  
8.7.8.7.8.7.

## **\*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## **\*Choral Benediction**

“Rejoice, Emmanuel Shall Come”

VENI EMMANUEL

## **\*The Sending of the Community**

## **\*Congregational Amen**

*The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week*

## **POSTLUDE**

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

F. Ashdown

## **\*Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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