

Sunday Worship  
Olean First Presbyterian Church  
December 20, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

God is good

**Everyday**

And everyday

**God is good**

Call to Worship

One: I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of my child,

**All: Suddenly, joy was overflowing.**

One: I knew love, but when you held my hand,

**All: Suddenly, love was overflowing.**

One: I knew God, but when you showed me grace,

when you forgave me,

when you loved me,

when you raised me,

**All: Suddenly, God was overflowing.**

One: So, let us worship Holy God together

As a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

**All: This is community.**

One: This is the body of Christ.

**All: Welcome home.**

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, your faithfulness is magnified in the coming of your Son, in the long-awaited birth of the promised Messiah. May we, like Mary, proclaim your greatness as we rejoice in our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church School Program

Directed by Carol McClellan

Featuring

Kaleb Green

Nathaniel McClellan

Teddy McClellan

Hymns

**O come, O come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily:  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth.

### **Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

**O come, all ye faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

Prayers of the People

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.**

Prayer for illumination

Holy God,  
Before you could speak, you were speaking—  
Leaping in wombs, kicking, stretching, jumping for joy.  
You have always found a way to show up in our midst,  
Particularly on our fearful or lonely days.  
So today, as we crack open our Bibles,  
Fluttering through these old beloved pages,  
We ask that you would move again.  
Stir in us.  
Speak to us.  
Fill us with the Holy Spirit.  
And if we are not able to hear your Word clearly,  
Then give us Elizabeths

Who will point out your presence in delight and joy.  
Before you could speak, you were speaking,  
So here and now, Creator God, we are listening.  
Amen.

Gospel ~ Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

Hymn

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Blessing

Postlude

Coffee Hour on Zoom

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Prayer List

Carol Hyrb	Craig Polson	Avrie Sinesiou
Riley Greene	Kim Klein	Mary Daugherty
Amanda Waterman	Chase Ewoldt	Gretchen Randon
Abbi Pettit	Kathy Gruver	Renee Ensell
Abigail Craner		

*\*\*Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added. Thank you for your help! \*\**

Happy Birthday to:  
21 ~ Brenda Snyder  
26 ~ Tom Bowersox

*If you would like a Zoom invite to the 2:00pm Bible Study that takes place on Wednesdays,  
please let Pastor Bruce know.*

*If you would be interested in joining a brief version of our traditional weekly vespers service,  
please let Pastor Bruce know.*

*If you wish to speak with Pastor Bruce, please call 716-378-6773.*