

Affton Presbyterian Church

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December 19, 2021



Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

The day of the Lord is surely coming;

the promise of God will be fulfilled.

Look! The young woman is with child;

she will call him Emmanuel, for God is with us.

We light these candles as a sign of the coming dawn of Christ.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

↑Hymn #94 (GTG) “Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

Prayer of Confession

God of midnight, you meet us in the nighttime with the cry of a baby. We confess that we do not always look for you in the dark, among the dispossessed, or in the arms of single mothers. We live casual lives, forgetting your surprising work. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us new and softer hearts, so that we may awake and greet the coming Christ Child who is Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response “Gloria Patri”

↑Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

Sermon

↑Hymn #100 (GTG)

“Canticle of the Turning”

↑Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Please place offerings in the collection plate on the table upon entering or exiting the building. Checks can also be mailed to the church or donations made online.

↑Response of Praise

“Doxology”

↑Prayer of Dedication

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. With these gifts we return to you, teach us also to place our lives at your service as we watch for the dawning of the day of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

...Emmanuel, come; **O come and save us.**

↑Hymn #40

“Joy to the World!”

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles
Liturgist: Karen Murawski
Candlelighter: Joan Delaney
Pastor: Reverend Hannah Zyla

Please remember in your prayers...

Bill Campey, Barb Cavicchia, Joe Maze

Getting in touch with the pastor:

Pastor Hannah anticipates being on maternity leave Wednesday, December 22 through Tuesday, February 15. During that time, please contact any member of the session for information or pastoral care.

ZOOM Instructions for homebound:

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

Look under "Updates" on our site to join online.

or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.

enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).

When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.

*On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself.*

If asked for a password, enter 3410.