

Second Sunday of Advent – December 13th, 2020, 9:15 am

Announcements (Slides)

Prelude

Sounding Brass Quartet

Words of Welcome

Advent Wreath Lighting (Video)

Candle of Joy

John and Beth Happick

Opening Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Pastor Byron

Eternal God of power and grace, who comes to us in surprising ways – in angel appearances, in defeat of enemies, and in resurrection from the dead – show us the face of Emmanuel in our time. Bring us from fear to awe, we pray; in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Special Music

Sing We Now of Christmas

Chancel Quartet accompanied by Sounding Brass Quartet

Prayer of Confession*

Pastor Byron

Shepherd of Israel, we have turned away from you, neglecting the welfare of your creation, ignoring the plight of your people, trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made, taking from Earth what we cannot give back. We have not helped our neighbors in need, kept peace within our families, or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives. Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life. In your compassion, turn us to your way. Restore us, let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance**

Hear this good news of great joy: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading

Hebrew 1: 1-3, 4: 14-16

Pastor Deb

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1: 22-25

Hymn

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

Sermon

“Incarnation: Emmanuel”

Pastor Lynn

Hymn (Video)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Faith Under Fire

Communion & The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Byron

Closing Prayer

Pastor Lynn

Closing Hymn

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

Sending Forth & Benediction

Pastor Byron

Postlude

Sounding Brass Quartet

Offering Our Gifts to God

**Adapted from Feasting on the Word*

***Feasting on the Word*



Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:

Refrain

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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 th'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 a virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,

Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain