

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

11:00 a.m.



Genealogy of Christ by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

You cannot inherit something if you do not know and do not believe that you are the heir.

- Dr. Christine Hong, keynote address at NEXT Church National Gathering (2021)

WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

Rev. Nicole Bates

All: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

O Lord How Shall I Meet You
Louis Walker, Organist

P. Manz

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Thou Shalt Know Him

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Marr/Chen Family

One: Talking with young people.

All: Kindness from strangers.

One: Spending time outdoors.

All: Waffles!

One: Hands clasped in prayer.

All: Social progress.

One: Babies trying over and over to take their first step.

All: Books.

One: Christian community.

All: Advocates for justice.

One: What gives you hope?

Today we light the candle of hope
to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

**All: From generation to generation,
God has brought good news of hope.
In this moment of worship, let us rejoice in that good news.**

✠HYMN 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Olivia Chen, Liturgist

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say,
“Bring your full self. There’s room for you here.”
But we say, “Our lives are too messy.”
You say, “Bring your hopes and your dreams. There’s room for you here.”
But we say, “It’s too risky to hope.”
You say, “Bring your grief and your prayers. There’s room for you here.”
But we say, “Some things are easier to forget.”
God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there’s room for us here.
Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.
Help us remember, today and tomorrow,
there’s room for every story. Amen.

✠RESPONSE O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

✠Please rise as you are able.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠RESPONSE O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

Kathy McCarron, Director of Christian Education

All children (youth and parents too!) are invited to the front of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Generation to Generation: There's Room for Every Story

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God

who promised to Abraham,

who wrestled with Jacob,

who walked with Ruth,

who spoke with Moses,

who grieved with Bathsheba,

who danced with David,

who dreamed with Joseph,

and who hoped like Mary.

We believe in a God

who has been loving, inviting, transforming,

and challenging us from generation to generation.

And we believe that same God is here with us now,

saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here."

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM	Come to Us Sanctuary Choir Tinsley Silcox, Director	Anna Laura Page
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✠RESPONSE	What Child Is This	GREENSLEEVES
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So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, 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 DEDICATION

✠HYMN	Through the Ages	Tune: MUELLER (Away in a Manger)
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Oh down through the ages and generations
From God in the garden to Jesus the son
Each story was woven, each one has a place
Within the great tapestry telling God's grace

From Abaraham, Isaac, and Israel's line
How Rahab and Ruth and Bathsheba survived
From exile in Egypt to Babylon far
Christ's lineage shows how complex stories are

And still through the ages our stories will find
Belonging in God's story of humankind
From God in the garden to eternity
We're woven together as one tapestry

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	Matthew 22:37-39
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Go out into the world in peace. Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.

RESPONSE	Be Near Me, Lord Jesus	Mack Wilburg
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POSTLUDE	Noël in G	L. C. Daquin
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TODAY AT NORTHPARK

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NPPC! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew and pass it down to others. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher.

GUESTS AT NORTHPARK

After worship, please join us in the Narthex. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or are looking for a church home. If you are a first-time guest, we encourage you to provide contact information in the attendance registration book.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults and Youth will meet in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for an Advent Study on The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent by Susan Robb. Grades K-6 begin in Room 36 (pick up for Grades K-3 is in Room 37, Grades 4-6 in Room 31). Grades 7-12 meet in the Youth Lounge.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship bags are available in the Narthex. Childcare is also available for infants - age 4 in Room 50.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will occur today following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Nominating Committee and elect new officers.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING DEC. 4- LAST CALL!

Spread Christmas joy! Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online (northparkpres.org/featuredevent) through November 30 for lunch and caroling after next Sunday's 11:00 a.m. worship service. A bus will take the group to several retirement living communities.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Holly Daiker in memory of Donald A. Daiker.

HOW TO GIVE



NorthPark relies on your generosity to support the mission and ministry of the church. Offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code with your phone camera. Checks may be mailed to NPPC; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

PCHAS ANGEL TREE

Please select an angel from the virtual Angel Tree (<https://linkmix.co/12645911>) to provide gifts for children and families supported by Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services.

PAJAMAS FOR SENIORS

Many seniors arrive at long-term care communities wearing only a hospital gown. They do not have resources for new sleepwear. Providing a new set of pajamas represents love, dignity, and comfort. We are collecting new pajamas through December 18. Place unwrapped men's (size M or L) or women's (size M, L, or XL) under the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.

PAPER FOR WATER TREE

Select an origami ornament off the tree in the Narthex to help bring water to the thirsty around the world. The suggested donation is indicated on each ornament. To learn more about Paper for Water, visit paperforwater.org.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVOTIONALS

Please pick up the Advent devotional booklets, a listing of NorthPark Advent/Christmas opportunities, and a family-friendly Advent calendar on the tables in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Identical Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. on December 24 with wassail and cookies served between services.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The NorthPark Session will receive new members in the Parlor next Sunday, December 4 after 11:00 a.m. worship. If you are interested in joining NorthPark, or want to learn more, you may come to the meeting or contact Cheryl Cunningham (membership@northparkpres.org).

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of November 21, estimates of 2023 giving total \$829,698. Thank you! Our goal is \$1,084,000 and there is still time to submit a pledge card. Find one in the Narthex. Every gift, no matter the size, helps further the mission of the church.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY

Christmas Day the worship service will be live streamed at 11:00 a.m. (no in-person worship). January 1 there will be one in-person service at 11:00 a.m., which will also be live streamed.

STAFF TIME AWAY

Cheryl Cunningham is out of the office November 28 and 29.

LEARN MORE

More information, including a complete calendar of events and staff contact information, can be found on the NorthPark website, northparkpres.org.