

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Music to Prepare for Worship:

Invitation to Worship:

Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

#44

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold,
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.**
- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.**
- 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the angel strain have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the love song which they bring.
O hush the noise, and cease your strife,
to hear the angels sing.**

- 4 For, lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.**

Lighting the Forth Advent Candle: The Candle of Love
(Sarah MacGregor by Zoom)

Welcome and The Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

Scripture: Luke 1:46-55 and Micah 5:2-5

Sermon: "God Under a Magnifying Glass."

Musical Offering:

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Call to Prayer: (Booda Drum)

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer:

Minute for Mission: Year End Financial Update

Invitation to Offer and Receive God's Gifts

Song of Dedication: "In The Bleak Mid-Winter" (vs. 4)

#55

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him - give my heart. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication:

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#64

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of 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.

- 4 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.

Commissioning and Benediction

Music To Inspire Us As We Go: