



TRADITIONAL SERVICE
December 15, 2024 - 9:00am

Thanks be to God, He is a Savior who seeks the lost, who with eyes supernaturally farsighted discerns us a long way off, and draws our interest to Himself by the sweet constraint of His grace, 'til we are face to face with Him and our soul is saved.

As once, in the incarnation, He came down from heaven to seek mankind, so He still comes down silently from heaven in the case of each sinner, and pursues His search for that individual soul following it through all the mazes of its waywardness and the devious paths of its folly, sometimes unto the very brink of destruction, 'til at last His grace overtakes it and says, "I must lodge at your house." For, besides the divine omniscience here manifested, we are made witnesses of the Lord's sovereign and almighty power.

Geerhardus Vos

Prelude – Hana Do, piano

Call to Worship – Psalm 98:2-4, 6

Leader: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Carol of Praise – "Angels We Have Heard On High" (278)
GLORIA

Lighting of Advent Candle - Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-45 –
David and Barb Carl

Carol - "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"
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Profession of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism, Question 35

Leader: What does it mean that He "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary?" (continued on the back)



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Special Music (offertory) – Grace Chancel Choir will sing “**Joys Seven**,” traditional carol and text, setting by Stephen Cleobury.

An Advent Doxology - “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”
(please see below) TRURO

Greeting of Peace

Leader: May we prepare for Your coming. Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth. Let us all rejoice in the miracle of the Incarnation. Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Welcome/Announcements/Giving – Video

Pastoral Prayer – Dr. Jace Cloud

Sermon – “The Light in the Darkness” - Isaiah 8:19-9:7 - Dr. Cloud

Pastoral/Closing Prayer – Dr. Cloud

Closing Carol – “Joy to the World!” (270)
ANTIOCH

Benediction - Isaiah 60.1

Leader: “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”

People (with a loud voice!): Thanks be to God! Amen!

Postlude – Hana Do, *piano*

*An Advent Doxology

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