

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



## MUSIC AND THE WORD

*Christmas in Story and Song*

Sunday, December 19, 2021

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent

Online Service

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

PRELUDE

*Angel Songs*

Schurr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Honeycutt Family

Candle Readers: Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in love, the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

**Congregation: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Titus 2: 11-12*

One: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ our Lord.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*Titus 2:14*

One: Hear the good news: Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his own people. Be at peace—in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

MOMENT WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

THE WORD

*Isaiah 9:2*

THE MUSIC

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
from Cantata No. 147: *Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben*

J. S. Bach

THE WORD

*Luke 1:26-33*

THE MUSIC

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

THE WORD

*Isaiah 9:6*

THE MUSIC

*What Child is This*

GREENSLEEVES

THE WORD

*Luke 2: 1-7*

THE MUSIC

*No Place of His Own*

C. A. Bolt, Jr.

ADVENT PRAYER

*(refrain)*

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

OFFERTORY

*Born in the Night*

G. Ainger

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

*Luke 2: 8-14*

THE MUSIC

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

THE WORD

*Kneeling in Bethlehem*  
A selected reading

Ann Weems

*Each year the Child is born again. Each year some new heart finally hears, finally sees, finally knows love. And in heaven there is great rejoicing! There is a festival of stars! There is celebration among the angels! For in the finding of one lost sheep, the heart of the Shepherd is glad, and Christmas has happened once more. The Child is born anew and one more knee is bowed!*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

*Joy to the World*

ANTIOCH



Participants in this morning's service:

Director of Music: *Dr. Walter W. Schurr*

The Sanctuary Choir of Immanuel Church

Brass Quintet

Violin, Steel Drum, Timpani, and Percussion: *Holly Schurr*

Assisting at the Organ and with the Conducting: *Carol Schurr*

Instrumental Arrangements: *Walter W. Schurr*

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Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Dr. Walter W. Schurr, Director of Music

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

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