

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements

--Rev. Ed Laarman

*Call to Worship: Isaiah 40:3-5

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain
and hill be made low;**

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places
a plain.

**And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh
shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: *Peace*

Special Music: *Love Has Come!* --Kristin and Gianna Novara

*Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty God, you have called us to be at peace – to
be a people of peace. We confess that our lives are filled
with anxiety and fear, which has caused us to turn our
eyes away from your promises as we attempt to control
the uncontrollable. In the name of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Help us, we pray, to be at peace as Christ is our peace. Amen.**

*Assurance of God’s Pardon

*Song of Response: *Joy to the World!*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth receive her king.
Let every heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing, and
heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and
wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Sermon Text: Luke 2:8-20

Sermon: *Angels Appear to the Shepherds* --Rev. Ed Laarman

Special Music: *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* --Gail Hamby

*Creed (The Second Helvetic Confession of 1566):

**The Gospel is properly called glad and joyous news, in which,
first by John the Baptist, then by Christ the Lord himself, and
afterwards by the apostles and their successors, is preached to
us in the world that God has now performed what he promised
from the beginning of the world, and has sent, nay more, has
given us his only Son and in him reconciliation with the Father,
the remission of sins, all fullness and everlasting life.**

*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pastor Mike, Jackie Laing, Sue Laing, Donnie Hamby,
Mary Larsen, Fran Jamar, Marcia McGregor,
Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft, Kenny Kasten;
the family of Fred Fox (*brother of Cathy Lundy and Susie Fox*)

*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.**

*Benediction

*Response: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold! thro' out the heavens there shone a holy light. (*refrain*)

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang
out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (*refrain*)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and brought
us God's salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (*refrain*)

CHURCH NOTES

"**Gifts for Jesus**" Parents of children and teens: If you have not already done so, please let Ed Laarman know by tomorrow the gift your child has chosen to give.

Christmas Eve worship services will be in-person at 4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. The 4:00p.m. service will be live-streamed and then posted for later viewing. Candles for Christmas Eve worship at home are available in the office. Call to set up a time to come and get one.

Soup Kitchen: A new sign-up sheet for cookies is on the table in the Fireside Room. Due to an increase in the number of meals we are giving out on Mondays, we now need 130 cookies. You can sign up to bake them all yourself or split it up with a friend!

Church Directory: We have updated the address portion of the directory. Copies are available on the table in the Fireside Room or call the office to set up a time to pick one up.