



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Prelude

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Sylvia Woods

Cindy Fuller

Welcome

Louise Powell

We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God’s love knows no bounds.

Meditation

Kay Avant

Gift of Music

“Keep Your Lamps!”

arr. André Thomas

Libby Bellinger & Steve Gardner

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Evans Family

One: We light this candle of love as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Many: **Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope, peace, joy, and love you unfailingly offer us.**

One: We are preparing ourselves for the day that Isaiah prophesied, crying in the wilderness:

Many: **“Prepare the way of our God, make the path straight.**

One: Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill made low,

Many: **and the crooked shall be made straight,**

One: and the rough ways made smooth;

Many: **and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.”**

One: The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Many: **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

One: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

Many: **like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.**

One: Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. Behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel

Many: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all humankind shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

One: Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that must be shared.

Many: Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ.

Congregational Response

“When God Is a Child”

MOON BEAMS

Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Je - sus has come and will ne-ver de-
part. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be
first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Jon Snyder

One: This is the Gospel of Grace.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Love

Sharlande Sledge

Congregational Song

“Come, O Long-expected Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free.
From our fears and sins release us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
You, our strength and consolation, come salvation to impart;
Dear desire of many a nation, joy of many a longing heart.

Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, born your gracious realm to bring.
By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By your all-sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

Epistle Reading

I John 3:16-17; 4:7-8

Richard Groves

One: This is the word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Source of Love”

Richard Groves

Benediction

Richard Groves

Congregational Benediction

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

REJOICE, REJOICE

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
The rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story,
May God fill ev'ry day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

Postlude

“What Child Is This?”

arr. Melanie Bober

Bruce, Chandler, and Lottie Evans

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Lake Shore Business Meeting

December 20 following the Worship Service on Zoom

Business item:

- Vote on the Deacon Nominees for 2021:
 - Claudia Beal
 - Laura Dávalos-Lind
 - Bruce Evans
 - Steve Gardner
 - Gary Miller
 - Karyn Miller Brooks
 - Dianna Vitanza

The business item was discussed at the Business Meeting on Sunday, December 6. Lake Shore members will vote, without discussion, on December 20.