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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021

LAYING THE FOUNDATION (*Peace*)

God our Savior—
your word shakes the wilderness,
washes away evil,
and causes all flesh to rejoice.
Make us ready to greet you
at the coming of your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

While We Are Waiting, Come David Marvel, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

If life was a home, then we would pray—

may love be the foundation.

May God be the cornerstone.

May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.

And may hope be the walls—holding us together.

In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

Let us worship Holy God.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Nicholas Lindley and Samuel McCann

*SONG OF PRAISE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymnal, No. 102

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray the prayer of confession together.

Holy God,

When John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it.

We forget that in the beginning we were made good.

We doubt that we could possibly be enough.

We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.

We deflect words of praise.

We hide behind shiny first impressions.

Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.

Open our ears as you open our hearts,

so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

(Time of silence for reflection)

Join me in proclaiming this good news:

**We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** Gloria (refrain only) Hymnal, No. 113
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Solange Bobga

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 953
Philippians 1:3-11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 832
Luke 1:57-80
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Laying the Foundation Tracy L. Evans

***SONG OF FAITH** Zechariah's Lullaby Bulletin p. 6

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.**
Adapted from the Confession of Belhar

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple

***DOXOLOGY** Doxology (Verse 4) Hymnal, No. 143
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SENDING SONG

People, Look East

Hymnal, No. 105

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

We Fall Down

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.


Lectionary Readings for December 12: Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **December is Peanut butter** Please place your donations in the box by the church information table

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Savior of the Nations, Come 102



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's



son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.



The Second Sunday of Advent

Laying the Foundation (Peace)

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Zechariah's Lullaby

CRADLE SONG 11.11.11

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1895)

When old Zech - a - ri - ah held his ba - by
"And you lay child - will be called a pro - phet of
We lay a foun - da - tion for what is to

son Christ He To blessed him and dreamed of what
be Not know - ing to yet hearts and to
pray - ing for

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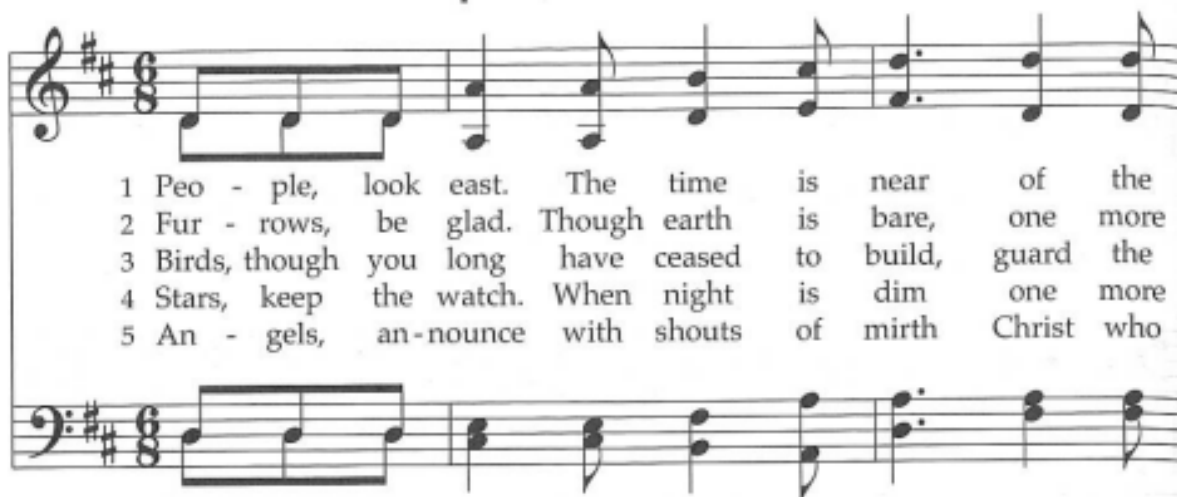
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he would be - come As ba - by John rocked in the
 sha - dows the light For God has sent vis - ions of
 what we can't see We trust in God's i - mag - in -

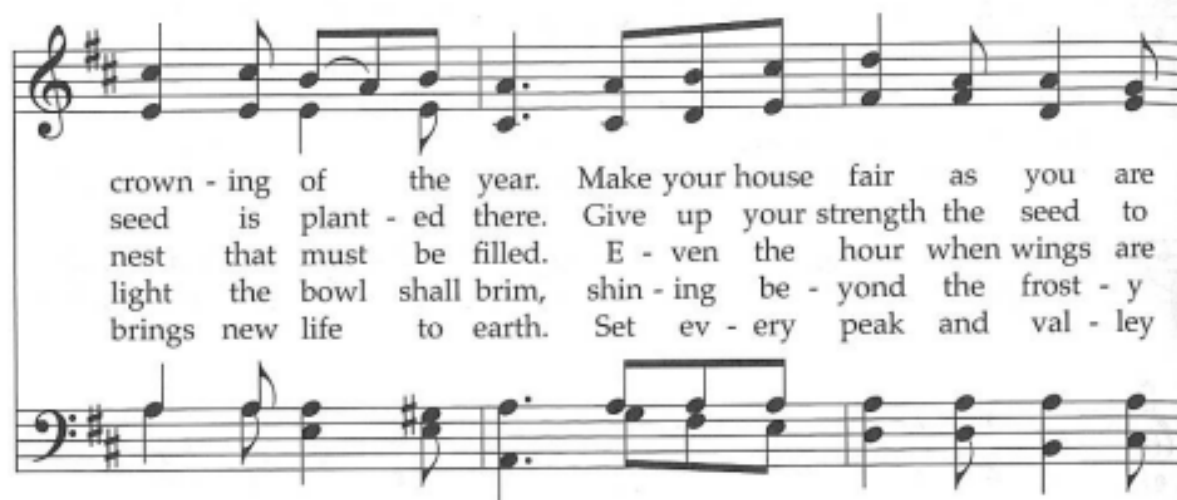
tem - ple that morn This song Zech - a -
 what a - tion will do build A From dream to pro -
 a - tion to build From blue - prints and

- ri - ah sang for his new - born
 - claim hope and for a world to yet re - new
 hope and for a dream yet ful - filled

People, Look East

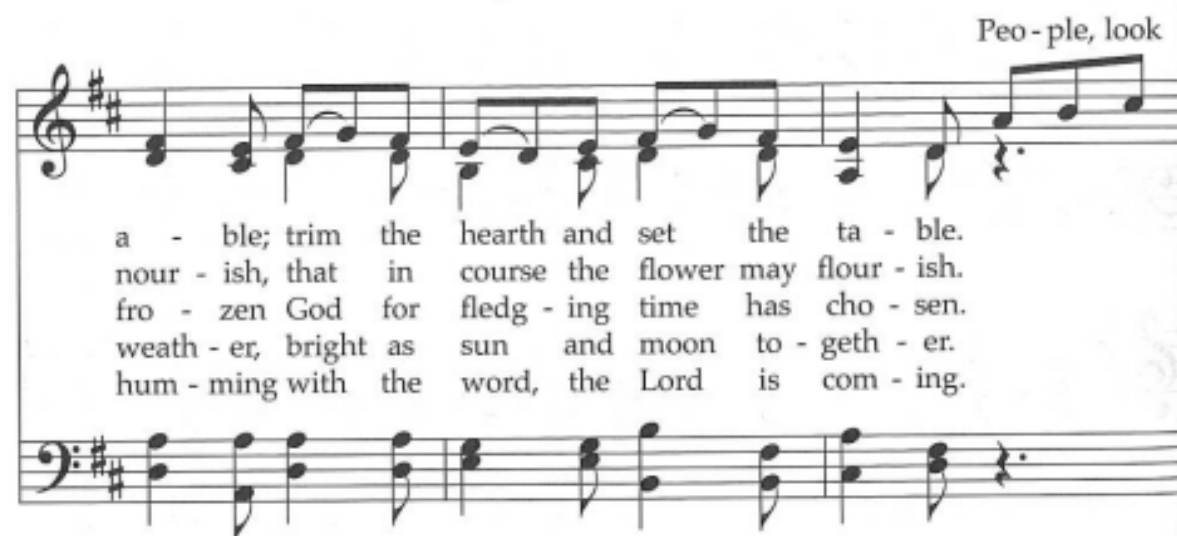


1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look



a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.