

*Our Mission:  
Love God  
Love Others  
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:  
Be the hands  
and feet  
of Christ*

**Northgate United Methodist Church  
December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata**

Prelude

Greeting & Announcements

NOTE: † Congregation, please stand as you are able.

**Bold: Congregation, please respond together.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Janan Weeks and Shirley Oldham

†Call to Worship

Come, joy, lighten our spirits.

**Come, hope, lift us from despair.**

Come, peace, ease our frantic worry.

**Come, love, shine in all we do.**

Come, Jesus, be born in us.

**Come, Lord, set us free.**

Come, God,

**rule in our hearts and teach us to sing with joy!**

†Opening Prayer

God of joyous expectation, come to us this day. May the miracles in our lives fill us with wonder. May an encounter with your goodness and grace cause our hearts to leap within us. Receive us into the arms of your mercy, that we may feel you near us and rest secure in your many blessings. **AMEN.**

†Opening Hymn

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

UMH 218, v. 1 and 4

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.**

‡Hymn

*What Child Is This*

UMH 219, v. 1 and 2

‡Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

‡Scripture

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Cantata

Call Him Jesus

Choir

## **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King.  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

Joy to the world!

## **Best of Both Worlds**

There in the throne room behind heaven's gate,  
Breathless excited the angels wait.  
Prophets of old gather around to see what all the fuss is about.  
There on earth behind an old inn a virgin gives birth to the Hope of all men.  
Bells ring in heav'n for now it's done:  
the Father at last has sent us his Son.  
He is the best of both worlds. No more waiting, no longing for more.  
Creation finally receives the Lord.  
Heaven proclaims all mortals agree that there is not one who is greater than he.  
He is better than angels that hover in heaven, better than men who walk on the earth,  
perfect creator becoming creation.  
He is the best of both worlds. Wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.  
Heaven proclaims all mortals agree that there is not one who is greater than he.  
He is better than angels that hover in heaven, better than men who walk on the earth,  
perfect creator becoming creation. He is the best of both worlds.

## **Beautiful Name Medley**

I know of a name, a beautiful name, that angels brought down to earth.  
They whispered it low, one night long ago, to a maiden of lowly birth.  
That beautiful name, that beautiful name, from sin has the power to free us!  
That beautiful name, that wonderful name, that matchless name is Jesus.  
I know a name, a beautiful name, that unto a babe was given.  
The stars glittered bright throughout the night, and angels praised God in heaven.  
That beautiful name, that beautiful name, from sin has the power to free us!  
That beautiful name, that wonderful name, that matchless name is Jesus.  
We'll call Jesus the name the angels whispered.  
We'll call him Jesus come from heaven to be our friend.  
We'll call him Jesus, the sweetest name in all the world.  
We'll call him Jesus, he'll save us from our sin.  
His name is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!  
Come let us adore him. Come bow down before him.  
Come let us worship him, Jesus, Jesus.  
Glory shines all around him, peace of mind abounds when we come to worship him,  
Jesus my Lord. Come let us adore him.  
Come now bow down before him.  
Come let us worship him, Jesus, Jesus.  
Glory shines all around him, peace of mind abounds when we come to worship him,  
Jesus my Lord.

## **Christ is Born Finale**

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies.  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Glory to the newborn King!"  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.  
Christ is born. Go tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born. Go tell it on the mountain.  
Let us adore him! Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come let us adore him!  
Sing choirs of angels, he is born! Christ the Lord!

‡ Closing Hymn

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH 220, v. 1 and 4

‡ Benediction

‡ Choral Response

*Freely, Freely*

**He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe, others will know that I live.”**

‡ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Jennifer Kilpatrick

Liturgist ..... Gail Blythe

Music Director..... David Forbus

Accompanist..... Laura Benton

A/V Team ..... Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh



***Traditional Worship Service in-person or online at 10:45 a.m.***

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**December 24, 2021 - 7:00pm**

**Christmas Eve**

Continue 4-part Advent Sermon Series

**Scripture:** Luke 2:1-20

**Sermon title:** Welcome Home

**Sermon series:** Come Home for Christmas  
(part four of four)