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Worship Service | DECEMBER 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
"Breath of Heaven" arr. Craig Courtney

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and we light the Candle of Peace.

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 98:2-4, 6

Leader: The LORD has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Leader: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Leader: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

People: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"The First Noel"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New City Catechism, Q&A 24, 25, 26

Leader: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

All: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By His substitutionary atoning death, He alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Leader: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

All: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Leader: What else does Christ's death redeem?

All: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as He powerfully directs all things for His own glory and creation's good.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"What Child Is This"

*SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Harris James Roberts, son of Lee and Sarah Roberts

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

"Redeeming Ruth – God Rebuilds"

Ruth 4 :11-17

Dr. Tim Kirk

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

I Peter 1:13

Leader: Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming. (NIV)

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***11:00 Service only**

The flowers for today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Lawrence H. Lassiter by Mrs. Lawrence Lassiter, Charlotte McNally, Lynn Lassiter-Kendrick, and Charles Lassiter. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 21st.

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