



December 13, 2020

Glad Tidings of Great Joy
Pastor Drew Derreth

WELCOME TO HANOVER VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our purpose is to become an **authentic** community that knows **Christ** and makes His **grace** and **truth** known with such power and glory that lives are **transformed** by the **gospel**, multiplying worship and praise to God throughout **Hanover** and the world.

Welcome. We're glad that you're with us. We hope you'll find joyful worship that engages both your heart and mind, as well as genuine friendship and a caring atmosphere. Please take advantage of any of the opportunities offered here. If we can serve you in any way today, simply speak to one of the ushers.

Children are welcome to stay in the service, but if you prefer, quality childcare is provided throughout the service for children from infants to kindergarten aged. Please speak to one of our ushers for locations.

This bulletin will guide you through the service - just start on the next page and continue as the pastor leads. (Moments when you should stand are noted).

As a courtesy to you and those around you, we ask that you please mute cell phones during the worship time.

For your neighbor and yourself, please be kind. Keep your mask on your face and your spacing in mind.

REFLECTIONS

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and
offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*

The Christmas message is about the reality of God becoming flesh – part and parcel of our reality, with all the suffering and puzzlement that goes with that. And this God-in-the-flesh is indeed the Lord of the world, defeating his enemies through his death and rising to rule and rescue the whole creation. We cannot stress this too strongly: Jesus is not simply Lord in a distant heaven on the one hand and Lord in our private hearts and lives on the other, leaving the real public world untouched. If he is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all.

*N.T. Wright
-2007 sermon, The Shepherds at Midnight*

I marvel at the Lord, the Creator of the universe, who is born, not surrounded by gold and silver, but by mud and clay.

*St. Jerome of Bethlehem (340-420)
-Proclaiming the Christmas Gospel*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 13th, 2020

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song **Chorus**

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King **Chorus**

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, if you had not limited all your majestic greatness into the cramped quarters of the human nature, we could not now know the limitless power and privilege of being your children. If you had not been blind in the womb, we could never have had the scales drop from our eyes. If you had not come to die, we could never have received endless life. Now forgive us for not loving others as you loved us at Christmas. Forgive us for not quieting the fears of our hearts with the knowledge of how you loved us at Christmas. Give us your grace to adore you for the gift of your Son, for He is our hope and our health and our life. In Christ's name. Amen.

Private Confession

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come..

-Isaiah 60: 1-3, 5

Announcements & Prayers of the People

Special Music

Scripture

Matthew 1.1-6, 12-17 (Please see page 10 for printed scripture.)

Sermon

Glad Tidings of Great Joy

Song of Reflection

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's pow'r and might."
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Benediction

Parting Song of Praise

O Come All Ye Faithful (Chorus)

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ, the Lord

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Jessi Adams - piano, vocals

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ADVENT

Advent means “coming” and we remember what it was like for the people of the Old Testament as they awaited the coming of the Messiah, which we celebrate at Christmas. We look forward to Jesus’ coming again. Purple, the ancient color of royalty has traditionally been associated with penitence and expectation. It is used during the season of Advent, in which we prepare for the coming of Jesus our King.

The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the Light of the World. The traditional Advent wreath has four purple candles, which are lit on the four Sundays of Advent, grouped together with a white Christ candle which is lit on Christmas Eve. The main symbolism portrayed is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each Lord’s Day (Sunday) and the anticipation that builds for the celebration of Christ’s second coming.

COMMUNITY & CHURCH LIFE

Youth Group

The youth group has resumed meeting in person! We are meeting in various locations this summer, so please contact Noah Trask if you are not currently on the email list and would like to be added. We will meet on **Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00pm**. Contact Noah Trask (717) 634-6284 for more details.

Parking on Sundays

We're glad you're here today! There is a map available on our website (www.hanovervalley.org), highlighting available local parking. There's plenty and it's all less than a block away. There is also a parking lot, especially for guests, next to our building outside the Railroad Street Entrance. All public, metered, on-street parking is free on Sundays.

Prayer Group

We are meeting on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month @ 7:00 pm at the church following safe social distancing. We would love to have you join us!

Outdoor Christmas Eve Community Candlelight Service

Please join us at **Wirt Park Christmas Eve at 7 PM** for an outdoor Christmas Eve Service. Dress warmly to celebrate the wonder of Christmas in the open air. Bring a chair and a blanket if you wish. We'll be following PA State guidelines in regards to mask wearing and appropriate social distancing at our local community park for a brief service of carols and music and candlelight, weather permitting.

Offering

We appreciate your gifts! Please give, as you exit the service, in the designated baskets at each of the doors in the sanctuary.

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Virus Response Update

Please visit our website hanovervalley.org to stay up to date on church cancellations and updates. We want you to stay connected with one another through various media for encouragement and prayer. Pastor Drew will be sending **weekly emails on Fridays** with the latest information. Please be sure to send your email address to office@hanovervalley.org if you wish to be included.

Live Stream & Bulletin Instructions

You can access the livestream from the front page of hanovervalley.org or through youtube.com/user/HanoverValley.

If you would like to view or download the bulletin, please visit hanovervalley.org and click on the link to the live stream on the front page of the website. Scroll half-way down the page and you will have the option to download the full bulletin or simply view the order of service below the live stream video. A link to this page will also be included in the information section below the live stream on youtube.

Live Stream and Public Worship

In addition to engaging the livestream from your own home, we also offer two more options available during this pandemic crisis:

1. Small groups are available to meet in homes to worship together. If this option suits your situation best we encourage you to contact one of the growth group leaders or the church office to see if a group gathering is occurring and how you might best be prepared to be a part.
2. The church building will be available for anyone to be present while the live stream is being produced. This option will involve wearing masks during the service and being careful to space ourselves to prevent infection.

Our desire is to do our best to love and care for each other and our community by looking out for each other's needs over our own, by providing safe and healthy locations for our neighbors and friends to explore the love of Christ.

NOTES

GROWTH GROUPS

No one can thrive with just a Sunday morning connection. We all need a place to develop genuine friendships, ask honest questions, and discover the applications of the Gospel to real life. Growth Groups are where that happens most authentically. They are the primary place for pastoral care. They are open groups led by trained lay leaders designed for the curious, the skeptic, the struggling, the experienced, the new and the old - people all along their spiritual journey. They are the very lifeblood of the church.

Contact the pastor or one of these Growth Group leaders to discuss getting involved. Every group is always open to all.



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SATURDAYS 9:30AM
BREAKFAST



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4TH SUN AT 12:00PM

In addition to these Growth Groups, we also offer a number of investigative Bible studies at Gettysburg College.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1.1-6, 12-17

1 1 A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
3 Judah the father of Perez and
Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
4 Ram the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose
mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose
mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,
6 and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

12 After the exile to Babylon:
Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
14 Azor the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Akim,
Akim the father of Eliud,
15 Eliud the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob,
16 and Jacob the father of Joseph,
the husband of Mary, of whom was born
Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David,
fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to
the Christ.

Financial Giving Report	Actual	Budget
January-November Income	\$215,109.67	\$265,415.72
January - November Expense	\$228,428.28	\$263,773.04
January - November Total	-\$13,318.61	\$1,642.68

How can you donate to Hanover Valley ?

- Mail a check to us at 133 Carlisle St Hanover, PA 17331
- Online giving using giving on our website
- From your checking account using the online Bill Pay option.
- Use Give+ application from your I-phone or Android device.
- Use the offering baskets at our Livestream Service

If you have any questions about the online giving program here at Hanover Valley, please contact Gary Harrity (717) 650-8773 or Russ Vriezen (443) 280-1117

PRAYERS

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Please pray for:

Ruth had Covid. She is expected to be home by the time this bulletin comes out. Please pray for her continued recovery. She may need rehabilitation.

Praise God! Jordan's eye is almost back to normal. He receives a monthly injection in his eye to manage the blood clot.

Marilyn Hartl, step-mother of Loyce Gay, fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck. Please pray that her treatment and healing go smoothly.

Bob Warrington had cancerous polyps removed. He will not have chemo. He will be watched closely. Please pray that his test results will soon be clear and that he will look to God for his mercy. Continue to ask for wisdom for Christina & Michael as to how to support Bob.

Covid-19 We need treatments, cures, vaccines, and healing. We need wisdom as to the best way to navigate this difficult time. We need to love one another through this, with respect, by praying and reaching out as you feel led.

Please contact Lynn Kirkpatrick to have items included on the prayer page.
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VISITOR INFORMATION

If you're a guest, please let us know you were with us today by completing the form below. We'll add you to our mailing list so you can receive church information and updates. You can also use the space below to share any questions, ideas or prayer concerns you may have.

NAME:

DATE:

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