



December 20, 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*

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back
with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal
the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the
nations, to bring peace...to make music in the heart.*

— Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 20th, 2020

Prelude

Call to Worship

Gathering Songs

(Please Stand)

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Dear Lord, we confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive and love others. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming grace but also our resistance to follow you without question. Our best efforts of goodness are always tainted by impurities. In this Advent time, please forgive us our divided heart and our failure to respond as we should. As we trust in the work of Christ, come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy. In the name of the saving Christ we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

-John 1: 1-5

Announcements & Prayers of the People

Special Music

Scripture

Luke 1: 26-45 (Please see page 10 for printed scripture.)

Sermon

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Song of Reflection

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, All is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus-, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night! Wondrous star, lend Thy light,
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

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!

Christmas Eve Live Stream Service

In this most unusual of years, we have had to cancel our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and we know that this is a very sad loss for many of us who enjoy that tradition as a part of our Christmas celebrations. We can not replace that loss, we know, but we have decided to offer a Live Stream Christmas Eve service of lessons and carols. We hope you might find it valuable and encouraging at 7 PM on Thursday, December 24th as you enjoy the season and the evening before Christmas day. We will send a link on our weekly update and, as always, you can access the link from our website directly or share it with friends and family who may find it helpful.

Offering

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

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and pray that you will enjoy the wonder of God's grace.

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1 26-45

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called [3] the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

NOTES

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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