

✚ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *a portion of Luke 1:46-55 "Mary's Song"*
(unison)

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior... for the Mighty One has done great things... holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors.

Go Out as God's People in the World

✚ **Closing Hymn HoF #266:** "Hark, the Herald, Angels Sing"

✚ **BENEDICTION:** *by Pastor Janet*

✚ **POSTLUDE** *by Tracy (Yu) Qian*

Following today's service please come to upper hall for cake to celebrate this month's birthdays & anniversaries



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Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: Dixon Family

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

December 5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please seek assistance.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the **video recording**, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Leslie Crawford, ruling elder over Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

CALL To WORSHIP as ADVENT CANDLES OF HOPE & PEACE are LIT:

The Advent season continues by lighting the candles of hope & peace.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And we will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

↑ stand as able

↑ **Opening Hymn HoF #366:** "Near to the Heart of God"

↑ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison):

Mary was greatly troubled when the angel referred to her as highly favored, but was directed not to be afraid and ended up accepting the difficult assignment given her.

Forgive us when we resist the tasks that you assign to us for the good of your kingdom. Help us not to be afraid. (Pause in silent confession.)

↑ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (responsively)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The Old life had gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

↑ **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (unison) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

↑ **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (unison)
"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

↑ **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (unison)

Lord, through your Spirit enable us to consider your Word, and to enact it in our lives to bring you glory and praise. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-56 N.T. pg. 1457-8

SERMON Takeaway: "No Word from God will Ever Fail"

by the Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford.

Response to God's Word

↑ **Hymn of Response HoF #266:** "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP (along with tithing, consider mission giving to The Look Up Center to help those impoverished in the area.)

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness

↑ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** (unison)

Jesus, in view of your mercy, we offer up thanks thru giving. Amen.

↑ **DOXOLOGY:** (unison) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.