



The People of God in Worship

December 24, 2017

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Fourth Sunday of Advent

THE GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit.

THE PRELUDE

Please consider the organ prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mr. Bob Bailey

Leader: Each year the Child is born again. Each year some new heart finally hears, finally sees, finally knows love.

People: **And in heaven there is great rejoicing!**

Leader: There is a festival of stars!

People: **There is celebration among the angels!**

Leader: For in the finding of one lost sheep, the heart of the Savior is glad, and Christmas has happened once more.

People: **The Child is born anew, and one more knee is bowed!**

***HYMN OF LOVE - HYMN No. 259**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***INVOCATION AND THE GLORIA PATRI**

Mr. Bob Bailey

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Virginia Haga and Paden Garrard

Leader: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of God's light into our world. With the shining of this light, we are illumined by God's gift of love.

People: **Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

***THE ADVENT RESPONSE** (Stanzas 1,2,3,& 4)

On This Day, Earth Shall Ring

THE FIRST READING

Luke 1:26-38

Mr. Bob Bailey

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SECOND READING

Luke 1:47-55

Mr. Bob Bailey

Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE ANTHEM

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. Mark Hayes

THE MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

*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 and ever. Amen.*

***THE OFFERTORY - HYMN No. 286**

Once in Royal David's City

THE GIFTS

*Offertory Moment and Prayer

Mr. Bob Bailey

Offertory

What Child Is This?

Traditional

Noah Grabeel, Soloist

*Doxology - No. 815

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE THIRD READING

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

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Leader: A Word for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE

A Song of Love

The Rev. Dr. Michael K. Cheuk

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself at this time.
If you prefer not to present yourself, you may speak to the minister after the service to effect
membership. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian
community. If you have not made a profession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian
baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to renew their covenantal relationship with God
and their commitment to Christian service.

***HYMN No. 256**

Love Has Come!

***BENEDICTION**

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***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Ken Barker

***THE POSTLUDE**

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- * The ushers will seat those waiting.
 - * Those who are able will please stand.
 - * Hearing aids are available from the ushers.

Last week's sermon outline and copies of the prayer list are in the narthex.

Offertory Emphasis

Just as the glow from the Advent wreath grows brighter as each additional candle is lit, so too your gifts accomplish more as they combine with those of fellow believers. The flame of ministry at Peakland is joined to those of many shared ministries locally and around the world. You help to grow the light of Christian outreach in partnership with others in the Alliance of Baptists, American Baptist Churches in the USA, the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. At this special season, and throughout the year, this is your mission gift at work.

Please join me in prayer.

We reach out our small candle of ministry and gladly join it to countless others from individuals and congregations throughout the body of Christ. Bless our efforts as we strive to bless those around us. Amen.