

A worship bulletin for December 20, 2020  
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<b>LV LAKEVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>	<b>10:00am, Dec 20, 2020</b>
<b>HM HUMPHREYS MEMORIAL UMC</b>	<b>11:30am, Dec 20, 2020</b>

## Words of Welcome

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*candle of hope peace joy **LOVE** Christ*

**Greetings** to all in the name of Christ our Savior! **Welcome**, guests and visitors!

*If you are without a church home, we would love to be yours.*

*See the end of this bulletin for contact information.*

**Luke 1:26-38** (NRSV)

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### **The Birth of Jesus Foretold**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,  
<sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born<sup>[c]</sup> will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. ✨

### **Mary's Response:**

#### **Canticle of Mary**

UMH 199

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
***my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,***  
***who has looked with favor on me, a lowly servant.***

From this day all generations shall call me blessed:  
***the Almighty has done great things for me***  
***and holy is the name of the Lord,***

***whose mercy is on those who fear God  
from generation to generation.***

The arm of the Lord is strong,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

***God has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly.***

God has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich empty away.

***God has come to the aid of Israel, the chosen servant,  
remembering the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.***

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

We lit Advent candles of Hope and of Peace and of Joy  
Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love.

“For God so loved the world, he gave us his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him would not perish but have everlasting love.” – John 3:16

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” – 1 John 4:10

***Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Love.***

### **Hymn**

Love Came Down at Christmas

**UMH 242**

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885

MUSIC: Trad. Irish

1. Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the God-head, Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign.

### **Opening Prayer**

Advent

**UMH201**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.  
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,  
that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity,  
and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen. ✨

**Hymn****In the Bleak Midwinter****UMH 221**

WORDS: Christina G. Rossetti, 1872

MUSIC: Gustav Holst, 1906

1. In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.
2. Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign.  
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and arch-angels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the beloved with a kiss.
4. What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

**Special Music**

Mary, Did You Know?

Rufus &amp; Alan

**2 Samuel 7:1-13, 16** (NRSV)

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**God's Covenant with David**

**7** Now when King David was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are

fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

<sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. ✨

## Sermon

### Response to the Word:

#### Hymn

WORDS: 15<sup>th</sup> cent. German

#### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

UMH 216

MUSIC: *Alte Catholische Geistlight Kirchengesang, 1599*

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.  
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love a-right, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half-spent was the night.
3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.  
True man yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

#### Affirmation of Faith

UMH 889

There is one God, and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,  
who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

***This saying is sure, and worthy of full acceptance:***

***That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,***

***and was manifested in the flesh,***

***vindicated in the Spirit,***

***seen by angels,***

***proclaimed among the nations,***

***believed in throughout the world,***

***taken up in glory.***

***Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.***

## **Prayers, Lord's Prayer, Blessing the Offering**

*If you have a celebration, petition or concern you'd like the pastor to hold in congregational prayer, please email [kerry.w.bart@gmail.com](mailto:kerry.w.bart@gmail.com) and indicate whether or not you'd like the request to be made public.*

**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, forever. Amen.**

*We say "yes" to God  
and we say "thank you" to God  
as we give to God our tithes and our offerings.*

*During this time of COVID19 precautions, we do not "pass the plate,"  
but offering plates are available for your use before or after the worship service,  
and offerings can be mailed to  
Lakeview UMC – 2624 East Parkview Drive, St. Albans WV 25177  
Humphreys Memorial UMC – PO Box 174, Tornado WV 25202*

## **Sending forth**

Leader: May God fill you with joy.

**People: Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

WORDS: Elisabeth Ehrenborg-Posse, 1856

**When Christmas Morn is Dawning****UMH 232**

MUSIC: German Folk Tune

1. When Christmas morn is dawning, I wish that I could be  
there by the manger-cradle, God's Son, newborn, to see.  
There by the manger-cradle, God's Son, newborn, to see.
2. How kind of you, our Savior, for us to come to earth.  
O may we not by sinning, despise your lowly birth.  
O may we not by sinning, despise your lowly birth.
3. We need you, O Lord Jesus, to be our dearest friend.  
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.  
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**PK'S SCRIPTURE READING INVITATION**

I found it energizing to know others were reading the same thing I was; the point being *read Scripture*. The invitation for you to join me in reading continues:

**We are reading the chapter of Luke that matches the date!**

**CALENDAR ITEMS**

Daily prayer with Bishop Sandra: <https://www.wvumc.org/daily-prayer-with-bishop-sandra/>

Daily online Advent devotions: <https://www.wvumc.org/2020-advent-laity-devotions>

Mon Dec 21, 6:30pm Blue Christmas online service

[www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com/2020/12/BlueChristmas.html](http://www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com/2020/12/BlueChristmas.html)

Wed Dec 23, 3pm Zoom Bible Study. Topic: Advent 4

zoom meeting ID: 870 238 944 98

password: 7799

phone in: (929) 205 6099

Wed Dec 23, 7:00pm Christmas Eve Eve online worship service

[www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com/2020/12/XMEE.html](http://www.WordsFromPK.blogspot.com/2020/12/XMEE.html)

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Be sure to check out:

- Daily Advent devotions: <https://www.wvumc.org/2020-advent-laity-devotions/>
- Daily prayer by Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball: <https://www.wvumc.org/daily-prayer-with-bishop-sandra/>

AS OF DECEMBER 18, we have decided that we will be “online only” for the next while.

- Dec. 21, 6:30pm, “Blue Christmas” worship service  
(online): <https://WordsFromPK.blogspot.com/2020/12/BlueChristmas.html>
- Dec. 23, 6:30pm, Christmas Eve Eve worship service: (live at Humphreys, also online, <https://WordsFromPK.blogspot.com/2020/12/XMEE.html>)
- Jan. 3, 11:30am, Wesley Covenant Renewal worship service, with Holy Communion

Pastor Kerry shares in a worship service for December 20, 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, the candle of Love

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