

**Oak Grove Church of the Brethren
December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Prelude

Gathering Prayer

Congregational Response

Away in a manger (vs. 3) # 194

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

"As soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord" (Luke 1:44-45).

In the beginning was the Word: spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

Trust the good news—God's promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning, and through him all things come into being.

**Eternal and near at hand, already and not-yet,
God's promise is the foundation of all life.**

Trust in God! Wait with faith, giving voice to Christ's love for all.

Lighting the Advent candle of love

Song

Gesu` Bambino
(Sara Blaha, solo)

Pietro Yon

Moment for Mission

Response

Gloria

204

Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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Hearing from God's Word

Luke 1:26-45

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Message

The challenge love offers

Pastoral Prayer, with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Good Christian friends, rejoice

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Benediction

Congregational Response

Until Jesus Comes

3050

Postlude

Until Jesus Comes

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PRAYER

Rachel Mabe, treatment for breast cancer

Mark Detweiler, having some health issues.

Judy Saunders has COVID-19.

CONNECTING WITH OAK GROVE

Youth Zoom will resume in January.

Youth volunteer at Casa Latina from 4-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Children's Zoom the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Outdoor Christmas Eve Service is December 24th at 6:30 p.m.



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Gloria 204

GLORIA III

Canon

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Jacques Berthier
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CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

PROMISED COMING

3050 Until Jesus Comes

(♩ = 100)

Un - til Je - sus comes, un - til Je - sus

comes, I'll be watch - ing and wait - ing un - til Je - sus

comes. Un - til Je - sus comes, un - til Je - sus

WORDS: Dean McIntyre
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Lk 1:26 The Birth of Jesus Foretold

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.³² 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.³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"³⁵ 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 will be holy; he will be called Son of God.³⁶ 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.³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God."³⁸ 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.

Lk 1:39 Mary Visits Elizabeth

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

191 O little town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 86. 86. 76. 86

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray,

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of the heav'n's
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day!

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell.

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1868, *The Church Porch*, 1874
 Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1868, *The Church Porch*, 1874

Away in a manger

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CRADLE SONG 11 11. 11 11

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a -
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to

bed, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet
 wakes, but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he -
 stay close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I

head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he
 makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the
 pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der

lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 sky, and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 care, and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Text: anonymous, *Little Children's Book* (Sts. 1-2), 1885, *Vineyard Songs* (St. 3), 1892
 Music: William J. Kirkpatrick, *Around the World with Christmas*, 1895
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