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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.


1 Thessalonians 5:23

Philippians 3:8

What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for Whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.



We thank Daniel Dockery for being our guest speaker and delivering the message this morning.



ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

PRELUDE “dulci jubilo” Dietrich Buxtehude

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Daniel Dockery

CALL TO WORSHIP “Angels We Have Heard On High”

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo,
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav’nly song?
Refrain

Come to Bethlehem,
and see Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.
Refrain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Debra Heyneker

SONG

"Manger Throne"

You could have stepped into creation
With fire for all to see
Brought every tribe and nation to their knees
Arriving with the host of Heaven
In royal robe and crown
The rulers of the earth all bowing down
But You chose meekness over majesty
Wrapped Your power in humanity

[Chorus]

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne

My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

[Verse 2]

You could have marched in all Your glory
Into the heart of Rome
Showed them splendor like they'd never known
But You wrote a better story
In humble Bethlehem
Creator in the arms of common men
You died for our redemption
And You'll rise so we can live

[Chorus]

Glory be to You alone
King who reigns from a manger throne
My life, my praise, everything I own
To Jesus the King on a manger throne

Glory be to You alone,
King who reigns from a manger throne.
My life, my praise, everything I own,
To Jesus the King of a manger throne.
My life, my praise, everything I own,
To Jesus the King on a manger throne
To Jesus the King on a manger throne.

READING

Galatians 4

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world.

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law,

That we might receive adoption to sonship. Because [we] are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba*, Father.”

PRAYER

Daniel Dockery

ANTHEM

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Choir

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1 - 4

SERMON

Christ Jesus

Daniel Dockery

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising you eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let your light upon us shine;

Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

L. Raffy

The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ira Kiger and Rita Kiger by Beth Kiger Mabe. The White Candles are provided by Ann Barefield in memory of her mother, Ruth Duggins Lee, a longtime member of our congregation.



The lovely poinsettias are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God:

In Loving Memory Of:

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Blazer

Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Parker

Dr. & Mrs. C. Spurgeon Paschall

Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Peery

Lillian and Richard Redding, Sr.

Richard Redding, Jr.

By:

Barbara & Ed Blazer

Betty & Charlie Paschall

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David & Rick Peery

Leslie Redding



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In Honor Of:

Mary Alspaugh

Mary Alspaugh

Tom Alspaugh

Vic Eckard, my husband and
best friend

Kaye Mansfield

Margaret Miller

Alice Pierce

Charlene Story

Jim Story

Lee Story

By:

Secret Sister

Her Family

His Family

Jody

Circle # 5

Polly Story

Circle # 5

Mom

Mom

Mom

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Breakfast/Christmas Party

10:30 AM Worship Service – Daniel Dockery

Immediately after worship service, the “New” Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees will meet for their monthly meeting.

Tuesday, December 19

11:30 AM Seniors and Friends @ Carriage House

Thursday, December 21

8:30 AM Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

Sunday, December 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve

10:30 AM Worship Service – Daniel Dockery

2:00 PM Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Service



Mailboxes for Christmas cards are located in the Lovefeast Kitchen. Please check to see if you have any mail.

UPCOMING SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES @ ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH



Sunday, December 17

Congregational Breakfast and Christmas Party
Board of Elders Meeting
Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 19

Seniors & Friends Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 21

Men's Breakfast @ Café Arthurs

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Worship Service

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Lovefeast and Candle Services

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31

Pot Luck Luncheon – Thanking Daniel Dockery for his service

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Marie Adams
Amanda Bowles
Lee Ebert
Fanchon Funk
Clive Goodson

Adam Lefevre
Ruth Long
Alice Pierce
Frances and Gerald Walker
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Brad Brookshire
Don & Dot Hill
Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews
Ray Shelton
Rev. Sandra Thigpen

****Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***

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