



**NORTHRIDGE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

11 AM

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*INSPIRING TRANSFORMATIVE FAITH*

*RELEVANT WORSHIP • COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY • EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY*

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## **Speaking of Faith and Conversation Cards**

Through next summer, we're exploring words of faith that have been passed down to us and that we want to pass down to our children and grandchildren. Each week, worship is centered around a single word that is distinct to our faith. This Advent, we're exploring Annunciation, Wait, Wonder, Proclaim, Incarnation, and Divine. To help us speak our faith this year, we have created a deck of conversation cards for each household. Pick up the latest stack of cards with Advent and Christmas words in the Narthex today!

## **Countdown to Christmas, December 1**

All ages are invited to the lower parking lot *today* from 4:30–6:30 p.m. for a holiday movie, popcorn bar, photo booth, ornament-making, and cookie decorating. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us as we begin the season of Advent together! We will have Take Home Kits for all families with kids at home.

## **Women's Advent Worship, December 9**

All women are warmly invited to join us for worship on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will be led by the Rev. Heather Mustain from Wilshire Baptist Church as we gather for prayer and meditation. A time of fellowship will follow in Quillin Hall.

## **You Are Not Anonymous Here!**

God knows you by name and we want to, too. We encourage you to wear your nametag, found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table behind the sanctuary. If you need a new nametag, please contact us at [office@northridgepc.org](mailto:office@northridgepc.org).

## **Kids Belong in Worship Too**

We believe children are an integral part of our community and they belong in worship. Each Sunday, worship bags with materials to help children stay engaged during worship are available for children at the back of the sanctuary. For children younger than 1<sup>st</sup> grade, the nursery is available until worship ends. Children may also serve as Lay Readers and our children's choir sings in worship from time to time.

## **Worship Livestream**

Our worship service extends beyond the walls of the sanctuary in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. You can revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian](http://www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian). You can also view or listen to archived sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

## **Join Us**

At Northridge, we believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy; a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, seeking out laughter, and pursuing a more just world as we follow the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be the community for you, please reach out to Rev. Betsy Swetenburg at [betsys@northridgepc.org](mailto:betsys@northridgepc.org). The next opportunity to join is December 15!



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**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

*Thou visitest the earth*

Maurice Greene

*Thou visitest the earth and blessest it, and blessest it;  
and crownest the year, the year with thy goodness.*

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Candle

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

✠ Call to Worship

*The Annunciation reminds us that nothing is impossible with God.*

**From the rhythms of our daily lives, we come to worship God  
who chose to enter this world as one of us.**

*With the Angel Gabriel, we seek to tell the story of God coming to be with us:*

**Love is coming.**

*Love is coming into the world.*

**Love is coming into the world to make all things new.**

✠ Gathering Hymn #98

*To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary*

ANNUNCIATION

*verse 1, choir only; congregation joins on verse 2*

Prayer of Confession

**Love Made Flesh, we confess our willingness to be loved  
but also our reluctance to love.**

**We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love  
but also our refusal to forgive.**

**We confess our eagerness to grasp your redeeming love  
but also our resistance to follow you.**

**This Advent, forgive us our failure to respond as we should.**

*(silence for personal confession)*

*Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you  
with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon;  
with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

✠ Congregational Response

*Glory to God #100, refrain*

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

N.T. p.56

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Speaking of Faith: Annunciation*

Rev. Betsy Swetenburg

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God has come to us;  
that God brought us into being, giving us breath and purpose,  
loving us even when we fall short of God's commandments.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;  
God is not happy to leave us alone,  
and will come to us as a human being, in flesh and bone just like ours;  
Mary will soon give birth and Joseph will soon clap his hands in joy,  
that Jesus Christ is born.**

**We believe that God will come to us;  
getting the final word of goodness and life.  
Until that day, we continue the work of discipleship,  
trusting the promise that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more,  
and all will gather at the table to sing an endless and perfect "Alleluia!"**

✠ Affirmation Response

*Glory to God #92, verse 3*

**Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

## Invitation to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*...we are bold to pray together:*

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the Lord's Supper

Offertory

*Prière à Notre-Dame*

Léon Boëllmann

Offerings of cash or checks may be left in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.  
To make an offering via text, send a message to (844) 958-4345 with the amount of the gift.  
If you pledge, your offering will be applied to your pledge.

Prayer of Dedication

### SENDING

✦ Sending Hymn #102

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;  
help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Wilbur Held

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## Leading Worship Today

Rev. Betsy Lyles Swetenburg, Pastor

Bert Colter, Pastoral Associate for Care

Susan Roe Jernigan and Christy Mayfield, Lay Readers

Chancel Choir

Stephen Swart, Tenor soloist

Dr. Bryan Scott Page, Director of Music

Jacob Hord, Organist

### SERVICE MUSIC

#### ♠ Congregational Response (Gloria Patri)

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics "My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the". The second staff contains "fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the". The third staff contains "dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the third staff.

#### ♠ Affirmation Response

Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;  
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.  
Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,  
while we are wait - ing, come.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics "Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;". The second staff contains "come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.". The third staff contains "Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,". The fourth staff contains "while we are wait - ing, come." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth staff.

# 98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Capo 3: (Em) (B7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)  
 Gm D7 Gm Cm D Gm

1 To a maid whose name was Mar - y, the an - gel Ga - briel came.  
 2 "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,  
 3 But Mar - y was most trou - bled to hear the an - gel's word.  
 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
 5 "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a wife."  
 6 As Mar - y heard the an - gel, she won - dered at his words.

(Em) (B7) (Em) (G) (D) (G)  
 Gm D7 Gm B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;  
 who e - ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest;  
 What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou - bled her to hear,  
 His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off - spring from on high.  
 The an - gel an - swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High  
 "Be - hold, I am your hand - maid," she said un - to her God.

(Em) (Am) (B) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)  
 Gm Cm D Gm Cm D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."  
 you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"  
 to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou - bled her to hear.  
 And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."  
 will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."  
 "So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

## Savior of the Nations, Come 102

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.



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# Advent & Christmas

**DECEMBER 1 | ANNUNCIATION  
COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS  
EVENT- 4:30-6:30 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 8 | WAIT  
GIFTS FOR GOOD**

**DECEMBER 9 | WOMEN'S ADVENT  
SERVICE  
LED BY REV. HEATHER MUSTAIN,  
WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 15 | WONDER  
GIFTS FOR GOOD  
DONATIONS DUE FOR MT. AUBURN  
ACADEMY**

**DECEMBER 22 | PROCLAIM  
LESSONS & CAROLS  
JESUS BIRTHDAY PARTY - 10:00  
A.M.**

**DECEMBER 24 | INCARNATION  
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
CHILDREN'S NATIVITY STORY -  
10:00 A.M.  
CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION - 5:30  
P.M.  
DONATIONS DUE FOR WHITE ROCK CENTER  
OF HOPE**

**DECEMBER 28 | DIVINE  
WORSHIP - 10:00 A.M.  
IN QUILLIN HALL**

**JANUARY 5 | EPIPHANY  
RETURN TO TWO SERVICES  
EPIPHANY CELEBRATION - 10:00  
A.M.**

**A T N O R T H R I D G E**