



**LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 20, 2020
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11:00 AM**

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

PRELUDE

Silent Night

Norman Dello Joio

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

OPENING HYMN

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there He lay, the undefiled, to the world a Stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place, Can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found His favor.*

*Angels sang about His birth; wise men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing.*

*Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled, but no more a Stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;
praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Luke 2:13-14

Foster Family

Reader: A reading from the Gospel of Luke: "Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Reader: Today we remember the angels. The angels are God's messengers who announce the coming of the Lord. The angel, Gabriel, spoke to Mary and Joseph to announce the birth of Jesus. The angels sang out with joy to proclaim Jesus' birth to the shepherds. The angel Michael announces the coming of Christ again in the Revelation to John.

People: God's messengers are with us still today, if we have ears to hear. We can hear their voices and wait with joy for the coming of the Lord.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the angels, who bring us good news of great joy.

People: Come, Lord Jesus!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Mike Deese

Luke 1:26-38

SERMON

How Can This Be?

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Norman Dello Joio

RESPONSE

While We Are Waiting Come (vs. 1)

While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

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.

CLOSING HYMN

People, Look East!

BESANÇON

RECORDED 12/15/19

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east; Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east; Love, the Rose, is on the way.*

*Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east: Love, the Bird, is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east: Love, the Star, is on the way.*

*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east: Love is on the way.*

BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Roland Carter
(from Christmas concert 12/9/19)

Participating in the worship service (by order of appearance):

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Yuko Takakusaki, Pianist

John Nothaft, Director of Music Ministries

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

James and Irene Foster, Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Mike Deese, Lay Reader

Libby McConnell, Pianist

Chancel Choir

The red rosebud in the sanctuary is in celebration of the birth of Declan Timothy Duncan, son of Theresa and Barry Duncan, on December 6. The proud grandparents are **Laura and Mike Hinton**.



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