Dec. 19, 2021

PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: Luke 1:46b-55

OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

Song: “Cherry Tree Carol”

Song: “I Wonder as I Wander”

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

***O come, thou Root of Jesse’s tree, and ensign of thy people be;***

***Before thee rulers silent fall; and peoples on thy mercy call.***

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

**Holy God, because you are faithful and true to your promises we turn to you with both gratitude and repentance. We are recipients of the love you joyfully pour out, and yet we are also prone to the influences of fear, scarcity, and extreme individualism. Forgive us for the ease with which we lose faith and the will to find inspiration in lives of discipleship. May we, like the mother of our Savior, find our purpose in magnifying your goodness. United in your Spirit, may your Good New of love for all and the lifting of the lowly be made real through the witness of our lives. Amen**

THE CHILDREN’S PAGEANT (Hymns from the red hymnal)

Hymn: “The Friendly Beasts”

Chorus 1 (All): Jesus our brother kind and good; Was humbly born in a stable rude; And the friendly beasts around Him stood; Jesus our brother kind and good

Verse 1: “I” said the donkey shaggy and brown; “I carried His mother up hill and down; “I carried His mother to Bethlehem town; “I” said the donkey shaggy and brown

Verse 2: “I” said the cow all white and red; “I gave Him my manger for His bed; “I gave Him my hay to pillow His head; “I” said the cow all white and red

Chorus 2 (All): Jesus our brother kind and good; Was humbly born in a stable rude; And the friendly beasts around Him stood; Jesus our brother kind and good

Verse 3: “I” said the sheep with the curly horn; “I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm; “He wore my coat on Christmas morn; “I” said the sheep with the curly horn

Verse 4: “I” said the dove from the rafters high; “I cooed Him to sleep that He would not cry; “We cooed Him to sleep my mate and I; “I” said the dove from the rafters high

Chorus 3 (All): Thus every beast by some good spell; In the stable dark was glad to tell; Of the gift he gave Emmanuel; The gift he gave Emmanuel

Hymn: #386 “O Come All Ye Faithful” verses 1&2

Hymn: “Away in a Manger” verses 1&3

\*Hymn: “Joy to the World” verses 1&4

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

LECTIO DIVINA:

 First Reading: Silence

 Second Reading: Make note of a word or phrase that stands out to you

 Third Reading: Talk with God. What is God saying to you?

HYMN: #127, “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (New Century Hymnal)

JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER

 Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

OFFERING: Blessing our Giving Tree Gifts

SONG: #382 “Angels From the Realms of Glory” verses 1,2&4 (red hymnal)

BENEDICTION

PRAYER LIST

*To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.

Rita & Bob Bennett, Pastor Tim’s Aunt & Uncle, experiencing health concerns

John, Sarah, and Ryan Tyler, grieving the loss of Beth

Family of Stacey Tall, friends of the Hills, grieving the loss of Stacey’s husband

Chip Warren, recovering from surgery

Mitchel Archer, continued recovery and help with new prostheses

Santiago Alfonso, (lives in our parsonage,) recovering from a severe seizure.