

WORSHIP NOTES

The hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* is brief in our hymnal. However, that was not always the case. This German carol probably dates at least to the 15th century, but the earliest known copy of the text, made in the mid-1580s, comes from a manuscript prayer book belonging to a Carthusian brother, Conrad of Mainz, found at St. Alban's monastery in Trier, and now preserved in the municipal library of Trier. That manuscript contains nineteen stanzas for this hymn. It seems likely that the original intention of the hymn was to praise Mary. The earliest known printed copy from 1599 has twenty-three stanzas, dealing with various episodes in the lives of Mary and Jesus. The music comes from an old Rhineland carol tune, whose first printing is found in the same source as the earliest printing of the text. Like the best folk art, much of the tune's beauty comes from its elegant simplicity.

Malcolm Archer (born England, 1952), composer of *Creators of the Stars of Night*, is an English organist, choral conductor, and organist. Until September 2007, Archer was Organist and Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He is currently Director of Chapel Music and Organist at Winchester College (London), where he is in charge of the Winchester College Chapel Choir as well as teaching the organ.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarence W. and Emma Elliot Slocum and Dr. Alexander Gordon Bearn by Margaret Slocum Bearn and the Russell P. Pennoyer family.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

Third Sunday in Advent

— ELEVEN O'CLOCK —

As previously reported, your PNC continues to meet at least weekly, and is working diligently, prayerfully seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to discern who God is calling to be our new senior pastor. We are continuing to review in depth a substantial subset of extremely exciting prospective candidates and continue to narrow down the list of potential individuals. We thank you for your faithful prayers for God's direction to us as we continue to work through this process.

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one's mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one's friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship. Women's Association Hospitality Committee members Kaitlin P. Gambrell and Sarah P. Wetenhall will assist with coffee hour.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk (*) invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY
Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55
Matthew 11:2-11
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Improvisation on *Conditore alme siderum*”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

“A Waiting Carol”
Helen Kemp (1918-2015)

He’s coming, He’s coming! Oh, tell us, who is coming? Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again. Each candle is saying, “get ready for His birthday”. Prepare us to greet Him with love and joy we pray. We wait with joy to greet You. We wait with love to meet You. Come quickly, quickly come. We wait with joy; come, Holy Boy. Oh, come see the candles, they sparkle with light. They help us to wait for the day of delight. Come, lift up your voices, prepare for the Boy. The birth of the Christ Child will fill us with joy.

The Cherub and Carol Choirs
Cristina Soto, *piano*
Caroline C. Pickering, *flute*

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing... They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart: ‘Be Strong; do not fear! Here is your God...’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; the lame shall leap like deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. The waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and the streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water... A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way... No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come upon it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there... Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

—Isaiah, Chapter 35, verses 1 - 10
Elizabeth, David, Harrison, and David Darst III

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 11

Valet will ich dir geben
“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, You have made us and all things to serve You, now prepare the world for Your rule. Come quickly to save us, for we do not serve You as You have asked us to do. Wars and violence still erupt among us. The strong overtake the weak; those who are rich still turn away from those who are poor. So many of us are full while so many others are hungry. Forgive us, we pray, for to turn away from others is to turn away from You. Help us be attentive to Your will and respond with faith, love, and justice. In the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (*Hymn 10, verse 4*) *Winchester New*
**All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
(Verse 1)
Please remain seated.

The children being baptized today are:

Skye Elizabeth Baity
daughter of Kerry Elizabeth Burke and Michael Paul Baity

Emma Louise Fennebresque
daughter of Kinsey Banzet Fennebresque and William Tudor Fennebresque

Henry Sylvester Maddock
son of Caroline Sylvester Maddock and Charles Neumann Maddock

Anna Helju McIntosh
daughter of Linda Pratkan and Ronald Paul McIntosh

Collins Caroline Rooney
daughter of Elizabeth Fabiani Rooney and Michael Edward Rooney

Boden Mae Westendarp
daughter of Dasha Ray Rettew and Henry Cooper Westendarp

Deacon E. Graham Clark and Elders Colette O. Bryce, Bill Hilburn, Peter J. Manning, Oliver T. Moses, Helen B. Penmoyer, Pamela J. Dickson Thorpe, and Margaret H. Tranbaugh will assist with today’s baptisms.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
(Verses 2-4)
Please remain seated.

THE WORD

Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 (*Pew Bible, page 56 N.T.*)
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

* HYMN 48

Es ist ein’ Ros’
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton
“The Implications of Christmas for Mary”

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray...

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Not for this land alone,
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;
And may the nations see that we must loving be,
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

* INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)
“Creator of the Stars of Night”
Creator of the stars of night, Thy people’s everlasting light, Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear Thy servants when they call. Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to eveningtide, proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet all divine. At Thy great name, exalted now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow, and things in heaven and earth shall own that Thou art Lord and King alone. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, laud, honour, might, and glory be from age to age eternally. Amen.
—7th century Latin hymn, tr. J. M. Neale, 1852

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth
**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 16

Gabriel’s Message
“The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
“Magnificat primi toni, *BuxWV 204*”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.