

# Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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December 6, 2020 – Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM In-Person Worship - simulcast on [www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran](https://www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran)

Prelude "O Come All Ye Faithful" - Piano Music

Presentation Proposed 2021 Budget - Beth Snyder

Welcome - Announcements - Introduction to Today's Worship

Lighting of Advent Candle 1&2

Song - "People Look East" vs. 2

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## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course and the flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**Prayer of the Day** - Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11**

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.*

*A voice cries out:*

*'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'*

*A voice says, 'Cry out!'*

*And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.*



## **Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13**

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O Lord;  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace  
to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase..

**<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before the Lord  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## **The Holy Gospel - Mark 1: 1-8**

*The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

*As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,*

*'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;*

*the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight" '*

*John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean  
countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were  
baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed  
with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and  
wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after  
me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have  
baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'*

## **Message**

# Hymn ELW #283 "O Come All Ye Faithful" vs. 1&3

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

**Prayers and Intercessions:**

Pastor: Hear us, O God,

People: Your Mercy is Great

Lord's Prayer

Sign of Peace

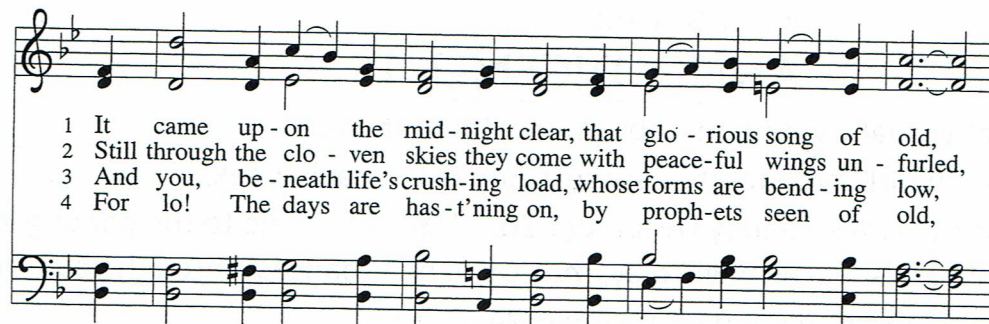
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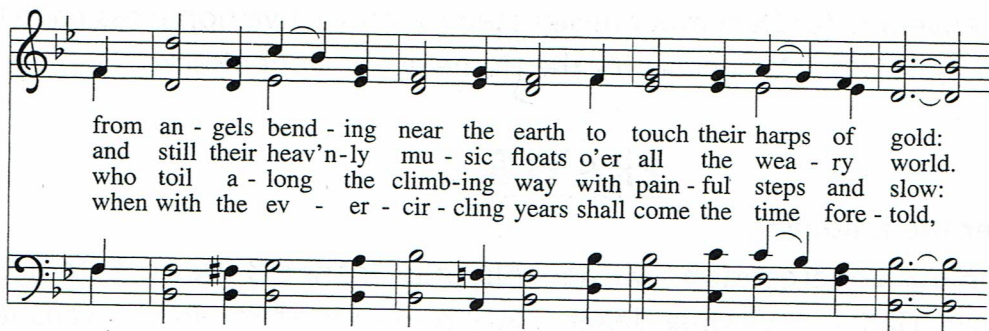
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# It Came upon the Midnight Clear

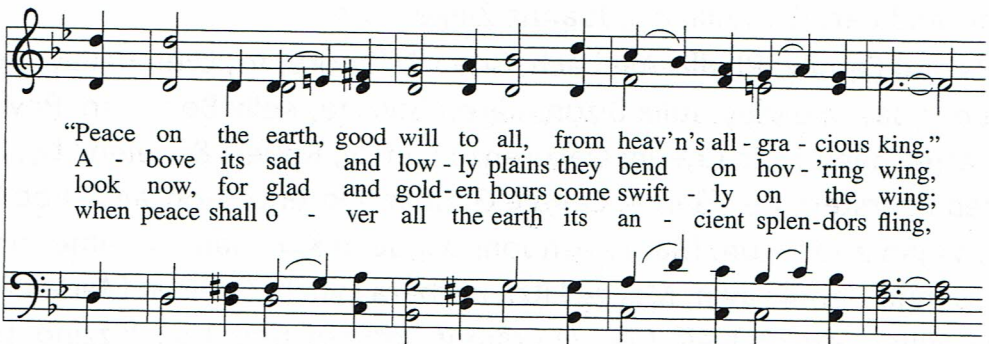
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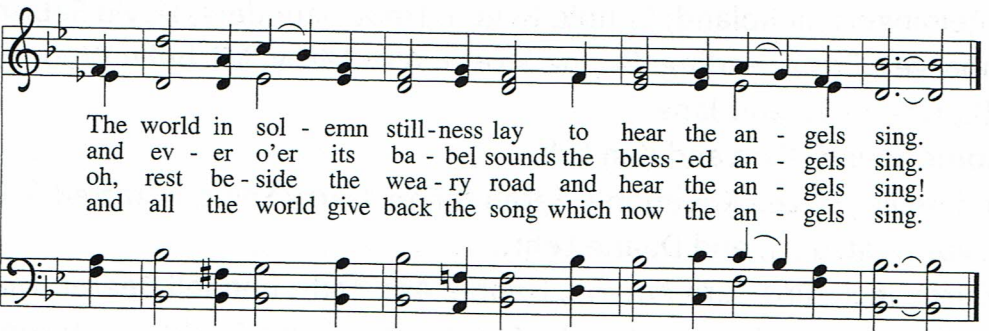
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king"  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



## Helping in Worship

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Organist/Choir Director | - Carolyn Williams         |
| Lector                  | - Beth Snyder              |
| Preparation of Bulletin | - Scott Gaun/Jessica Mette |
| Altar Guild             | - Barb Naska/Mark Harwick  |
| Technology Leader       | - Ken Anderson             |
| Custodian               | - Dianna Streletz          |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *2021 Budget - Budget virtually voted on or by phone, by next week.*
- Sunday School virtual "whirl" broadcast - new session posted each week.
- Parking lot Christmas caroling - Sunday December 20, 11:30AM. Come to the parking lot where you will receive a list of carols. Carolyn will play, music will be broadcast through your radio.
- Christmas Eve Worship - Livestreamed - December 24, 4:30PM
- "Outreach" offering envelope for December designated for and active homeless code blue shelter in Quakertown. (A.H.U.B. - Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks)

## PRAYER

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams; Joanne Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Donna Bergstresser; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; DeLorenzo Family; Robert & Helen Eby; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Steven Neff; Clint O'Connor; Jeff Petrino; Lisa Pezzino; Les Pross; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling; Donna Storm; Alex Ulrey; Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Lea Kneebone; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; Manfred & Elfriede Marschewski; Rudolf von Watzdorf; and Duane Lehr.

**For those in Health Care:** Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

**Essential Food Workers:** Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

**Essential Postal Workers:** Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

**New Baby:** Please keep Kristi Lee and Dane Reiman and their newborn son, Dane Charles, in your prayers.