The Worship of God

December 9, 2018 · 10:45 am · Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING as God's Children

Introit	**He Shall Feed His Flock**	G.F. Handel

Welcome   Chris Cottingham

As we gather for worship, please sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew.
If you are the last to sign, please date and tear out the sheet and place it in the offering plate.

Responsive Call to Worship   Chris Cottingham

A voice cries out, "In the wilderness clear a way for the Lord;
make a way in the desert, a road for our God.
Every valley must be lifted up, and every mountain and hill leveled.
The rough places will become a level plain, the rugged land a wide valley.
The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it at the same time.
For the Lord has decreed it."
"Go up on a high mountain, O herald Zion!
Shout out loudly, O herald Jerusalem! Shout, don't be afraid!
Say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'"
"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.
And they shall call his name Immanuel (which means God with us)."
"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as
of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

++ Carol of Peace **No. 132**   *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*   CAROL

Lighting the Advent Candles   Blackmon and Black Families

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.
Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."
Christ comes as God with us to bring us peace in this life and the promise of everlasting
life. We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that
through him real peace is found.
Today we reflect on the image of God as our Shepherd. Isaiah writes,
He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them
close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.
Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd." As we light the candle of peace, we celebrate the
peace we find in Jesus Christ.
Our peace is in God, Our Shepherd.

Mission Video	**Macedonia Impact Story - Natalia**	
	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Offering for Global Missions	

RECEIVING the Word of God and RESPONDING to God in Worship and Service

Old Testament Reading	**Isaiah 40:1-11**	Jennifer Rygg

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem	**Prepare the Way!**	arr. Larson
	Sanctuary Choir	

Gospel Reading	**John 10:11-16**	Spencer Willoughby

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++Offertory Carols	**Silent Night (Emmanuel)**	Maher, Mohr, & Gruber
No. 134	**Silent Night, Holy Night v. 1 & 2**	
	Emmanuel (Interlude by Praise Team)	
	Silent Night, Holy Night v. 3	

Offertory Prayer		Spencer Willoughby

Offertory	**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**	arr. Dale Wood

++Offertory Response (**see insert**)	**What Can I Give Him?**	CASTLE

Solo	**O Holy Night**	Tammy Gladson

After the solo, children ages 4 - 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

Sermon	**"Finding Peace in Advent with God our Shepherd"**	Jennifer Rygg

++ Carol of Response **No. 127**   *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*   MENDELSOHN

During the song of response, our pastor is available for those who desire to follow Christ as
Savior, to renew their relationship with God, to unite with this church, or to seek prayer.

GOING Into the World

Announcements and Pastoral Benediction   Jennifer Rygg

Meditation

As the candles are extinguished, the flame is carried from the sanctuary
to represent the Hope and Peace we carry with us as we go into the world.

++ Benediction Hymn **No. 120**   ***Emmanuel***   McGEE

++ Congregation is invited to stand. Those who prefer may remain seated.
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Worship Notes

The Moravian star displayed at the front of the sanctuary is a traditional Advent decoration of the Moravian church. The star reminds us of the star that guided the Magi to find the Christ child. The star also symbolizes the Christ Child himself of whom Scripture prophesied, "A star shall come out of Jacob," (Numbers 24:17).

Children and Worship: Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship.
Nursery care is available in room 102 for children ages 4 and younger.
Children's Bulletins are available at the sanctuary entrances.
Children's Chapel is provided in room 211 during the sermon for ages 4 - 2nd grade.
Worship Bags are available in front of the first pew on each side of the sanctuary. Children are encouraged to take a bag at the beginning of the service and return it to the hook at the end of the service.

Special Events for Advent and Christmas

Wed, Dec 12, 5:45 pm · Church Family Christmas Dinner and Children's Christmas Program
Sun, Dec 16, 10:45 am · Sanctuary Choir Cantata
Sun, Dec 16, 3:00 - 5:00 pm · Drop-in at Pastor's Home (207 Nottingham Way, Anderson)
Wed, Dec 19, 6:30 pm · Christmas Caroling (after supper)
Mon, Dec 24, 5:30 pm · Christmas Eve Worship

every member a minister
FULL-TIME STAFF
Rev. Jennifer McClung Rygg · Pastor; Rev. Chris Cottingham · Minister of Music and Youth;
Joseph Reed · Office Manager
PART-TIME STAFF
Marlena Dixon · Building Manager; Keleigh Frazier · Director of Children's Ministry
Richard Huss · Organist; Rev. Cara Morgan · Ministerial Intern
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GOD WITH US

Our Shepherd

Welcome to our Advent worship series, **God With Us**.
Each week in this series focuses on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah. In our worship for today we will remember that God is with us as **Our Shepherd**, who carries us close to his heart.

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Welcome, Guests! Thank you for worshiping with us today! Please take a moment to complete the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. You can share your experience at our church by visiting our website, clicking on "Visitors" and then "Visitor Response Survey."