



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
Online Worship Service
Sunday, December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent**

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Jody Andrade

Introit

Hyoun Joo Song

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mary Don King and Mary Winkeljohn

One: Today we light the candle of peace—as a reminder and as a prayer.

All: **Let us give thanks for a foundation of love as together we build a home of peace. Let us worship God.**

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Capo 3: (Em) (B7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
 Gm D7 Gm Cm D Gm

1 To a maid whose name was Mar - y, the an - gel Ga - briel came.
 2 "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,
 3 But Mar - y was most trou - bled to hear the an - gel's word.
 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
 5 "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a wife."
 6 As Mar - y heard the an - gel, she won - dered at his words.

(Em) (B7) (Em) (G) (D) (G)
 Gm D7 Gm B^b F B^b

"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;
 who e - ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest;
 What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou - bled her to hear,
 His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off - spring from on high.
 The an - gel an - swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High
 "Be - hold, I am your hand - maid," she said un - to her God.

(Em) (Am) (B) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
 Gm Cm D Gm Cm D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
 you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"
 to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou - bled her to hear.
 And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."
 will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."
 "So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38) displays many characteristics of a folksong style, especially repetition in both text and tune and short quotations included in the narrative. Such features help to make a song both memorable and singable.

Call to Confession

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, when John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it. We forget that in the beginning we were made good. We doubt that we could possibly be enough. We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection. We deflect words of praise. We hide behind shiny first impressions. Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job. Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here. Join me in proclaiming this good news:

All: **We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon

Jennie

Anthem

I Shall Know Him
arr. Douglas E Wagner

Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Christy Gazdziak

Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

Christy

3 I thank my God every time I remember you, **4** constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, **5** because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. **6** I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. **7** It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart,^[a] for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. **8** For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. **9** And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight **10** to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, **11** having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:57-80

Jody

57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. **58** Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. **60** But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." **61** They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." **62** Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. **63** He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were

amazed. **64** Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. **65** Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. **66** All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

69 He has raised up a mighty savior^[a] for us in the house of his servant David, **70** as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, **71** that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. **72** Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, **73** the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us **74** that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, **75** in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. **76** And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, **77** to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. **78** By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon^[b] us, **79** to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. **80** The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Sermon

Close to Home: The Path to Peace

Jody

Sealing the Word in Our Lives

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Katie

Jennie

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 105

People Look East

105 People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look
 a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

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Prayer of Dedication

Katie

Following the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Jody

Postlude

Hyoun Joo

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