



SHAWNEE PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 20, 2020, 10:00 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: HE RULES THE WORLD

Reader One: *Joy to the World. Jesus came to rule the world with truth and grace.*

Reader Two: Today the lighting of fourth advent candle reminds us that the Word was made flesh when Jesus was born and lived among us.

Reader One: *We saw the glory of the Son of God who came from the Father full of truth and grace.*

Reader Two: God sent Jesus to restore and build and lead His Kingdom here on earth.
Jesus rules!

Reader One: *His Kingdom is eternal. It reveals all that is good and right, gracious and just.*

Reader Two: We see the glories of his righteousness calling people from every nation to faith, to hope and love.

Reader One: *We light the fourth candle of Advent today celebrating Jesus' Kingdom and God's wondrous love.*

(Lighting of the Fourth Candle)

Carol:

Joy to the World (v 4)

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.**

*GOD'S GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Song

Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

Prince of Peace, as we wait for your coming, we pray fervently: **Dona nobis pacem, pacem.**

For all who live with violence and war around our world, Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen and the Mexican Drug War, Somalia, Iraq, South Sudan, Nigeria, the Kurds, the Republic of the Congo, Mali, the Mahgreb, Libya and Ethiopia, we pray urgently: **Dona nobis pacem, pacem.**

For all who live with fear and illness because of the Coronavirus, we pray: **Dona nobis pacem, pacem.**

For all who live in loneliness and despair because of influenza or other illness, because of loss and bereavement, we pray: **Dona nobis pacem, pacem.**

For all of us, your children, who long for peace, we pray: **Dona nobis pacem, pacem.**

(Morning Prayer continues)

Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus, we pray: **Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.**

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

SONG

O Little Town of Bethlehem

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

SERMON

“WHEN PEACE LOOKS LIKE CHAOS”

*SONG

Away in a Manger

*GOD’S BLESSING

*PARTING SONG

Angels We Have Heard on High

Song License: CCLI #337332

Preacher: Rev. William Van Tol

Musicians: Barb Banaszak, Phil Van Eck, Faith Van’t Land, Aaron Polet

Readers: Jessica Larsen, Rachel Larsen

Offering: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

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