

+ CLOSING HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. *[Refrain]*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. *[Refrain]*

+ BENEDICTION

Lindy Purdy

Leader: For what does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.** (Micah 6:8)

POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Stephen Self



**...The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service...**

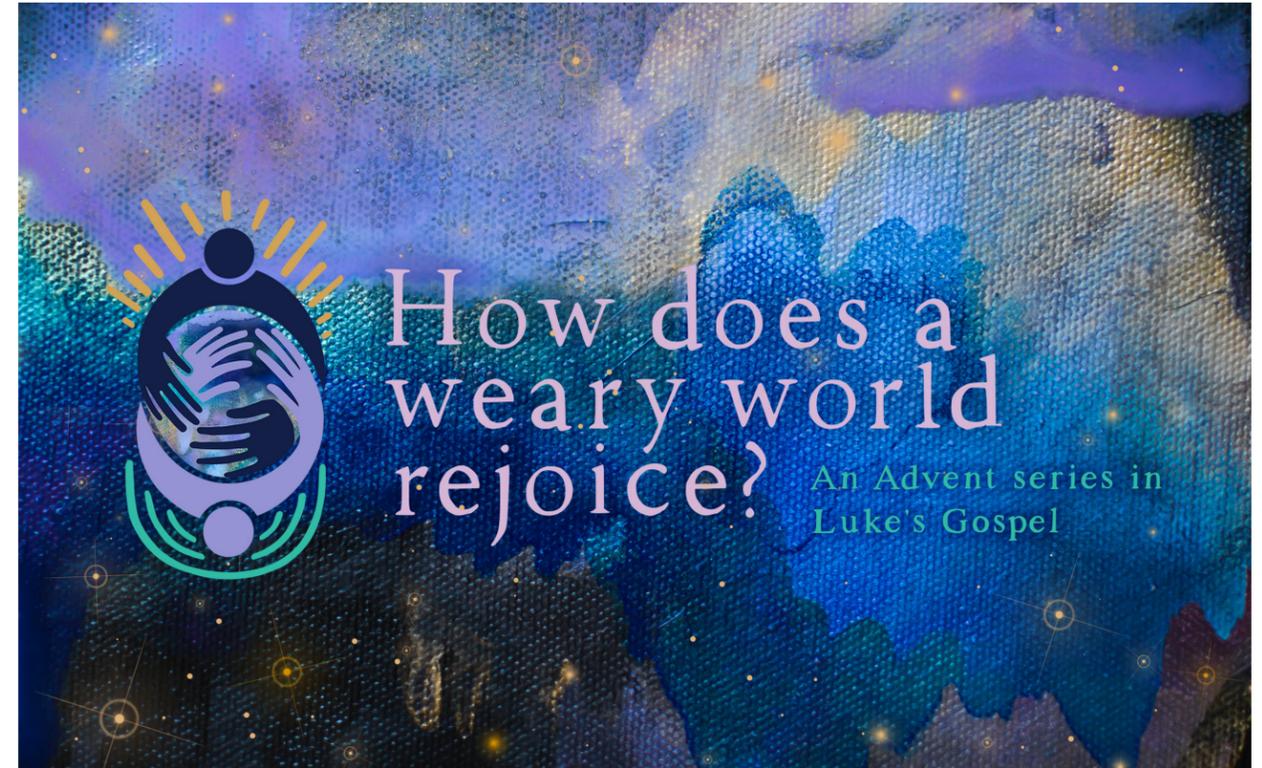


WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Rev. Steve Wiens  
Liturgist Rev. Lindy Purdy  
Music Stephen Self  
Deacon Michiko Wain  
Usher Kathie Challgren



The Chancel Flowers today are given by Judy and Dick Corson  
in memory of Ruth & Al Simpson and Lydia & WK Corson.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
December 17, 2023 ❖ 8:00 a.m.  
Chapel

Welcome to Wayzata Community Church where different people come together for the shared purpose of worshipping God and encouraging each other through the inclusive love of Jesus. Whether you are our guest, looking for a church home, or already a member, we want you to feel welcomed by our congregation and inspired by our worship service.



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+ Indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE *Improvisation on "Angels We Have Heard on High"* Stephen Self

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

+ CALL TO WORSHIP/RESPONSIVE LITANY Steve Wiens

Leader: In God's house, we can be joyful.

**All: We can be grateful. We can be hopeful.**

Leader: In God's house, we can be weary.

**All: We can be anxious. We can be grieving.**

Leader: In God's house, we can be honest.

**All: Inspired or tired, delighted or doubtful, connected or curious,  
and everything in between.**

Leader: This is God's house. You are welcome just as you are.

**All: Let us worship our loving God.**

+ OPENING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain:* Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? *[Refrain]*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King. *[Refrain]*

See Him in a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth. *[Refrain]*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

+ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Lindy Purdy

COMMUNITY MOMENTS Steve Wiens

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:46-55 (NRSVUE) Lindy Purdy

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON We Sing Stories of Hope Steve Wiens

OFFERTORY *Mazurka in A Minor* Stephen Self  
Frédéric Chopin

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER Lindy Purdy

**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.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Lindy Purdy

All are welcome at the table which has been set for us by Christ.

Let us prepare and receive the joyful feast of the people of God.

A gluten-free option is available.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP Lindy Purdy

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS Deacons

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison) Lindy Purdy

**Faithful God, in this place and at this table we have witnessed the signs of  
Your love for each one of us. May we go from this place filled with grateful  
love for You and confirmed in our intention to share Your love with all  
who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our host at  
this table and our guide in all our life. Amen.**