Scripture Lessons Matthew 1:18-24 and Luke 2:1-20

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 217** *“Away in a Manger”*

The Good News ***“Bless this Mess”***

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking Bread

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Singing Our Faith # **238** *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~ December 24, 2023 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

Immortal Babe, who this dear day

**Didst change thine Heaven for our clay,**

And didst with flesh thy Godhead veil,

**Eternal Son of God, all hail!**

Shine, happy star, ye angels sing

**Glory on high to Heaven’s King;**

Run, shepherds, leave your nightly joy,

**See Heaven come down in Bethlehem’s Boy.**

Worship, ye sages of the east,

**The King of gods in meanness dressed;**

O blessed maid, with smiles adore

**God in thine arms, thy bosom bore.**

Star, angels, shepherds, sages wise,

**Thou virgin glory of all eyes,**

Restored frame of Heaven and earth

**Rejoice in your Redeemer’s birth!**  *(Bishop Joseph Hall, 1574-1656)*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Baker Family

*“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”*

*(Isaiah 9:6-7)*

We light this candle as a symbol of the Prince of Peace. May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our hope and joy. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

\*Singing Our Faith **# 234** *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever.  Amen.**

Anthem *“Welcome to Our World”*

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer for Illumination

**God of light, you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always. Amen.**

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