

**Our Service of Worship for December 20, 2020**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Westwood First Presbyterian Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”—arr. Mark Hayes Heather MacPhail, piano  
During the Prelude, you are invited to take a moment to prepare for worship.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle and Opening Prayer

Hymn: “*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*” \*

A Time of Confession

Prayer for Illumination/Scripture Readings: Matthew 1:18-26 \*

Sermon: “*The Forgotten Man of Christmas*”

Solo: “Joseph’s Song”—Lloyd Larson Paul Vigar, baritone

The Pastoral Prayer and 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 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.**

Hymn: “*People, Look East*” \*

Charge and Benediction

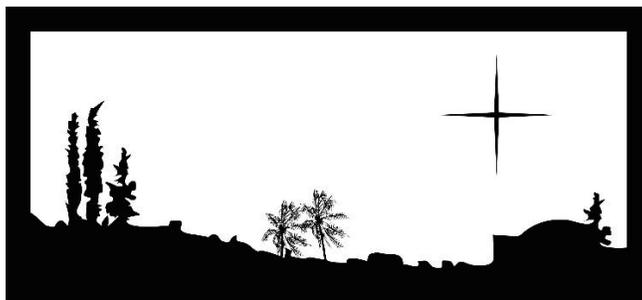
Postlude: “Angels We Have Heard On High”—arr. Diane Bish Heather MacPhail, organ

\* You are invited to remain seated for the hymns, and follow along silently or hum as the music is played. The words to the hymns and the Scripture reading are on the reverse side.

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Rev. Dr. Jeff Colarossi  
*Pastor*

Heather MacPhail  
*Organist/Director of Music Ministries*



## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. 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 the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”
2. 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 the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”
3. 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.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King”



## Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

1. People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.
2. Stars keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as the sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.
3. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25—The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”



<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.