

Welcome To  
Hillcrest Presbyterian Church

*A Service For The Worship Of God*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 23, 2018

We give thanks that God has called us to worship together.

**Prelude**

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship with a moment of silence.

**A Moment of Silence**

**Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle**

**Choral Intro**

**Responsive Reading**

**The Angels' Message: Obey**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's faithfulness shown to us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's humility set before us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's commands, spoken to us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

Leader: During Advent we remember God's incredible love shared with us.

**People: Help our lives to reflect your ways, O Lord.**

**Candle Lighting**

**Choral Response**

**Closing Prayer**

\*Hymn #31

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

***A Word of Welcome and Announcements***

**Affirmation Of Faith (unison)**

**Apostles' Creed**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Call To Confession**

Leader: With the knowledge that the Lord's grace will save us in our time of trial, let us with confidence confess our sin before God and one another.

### **Prayer Of Confession**

**God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. Amen.**

(Silent Confession) — In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Sisters and Brothers, the Lord alone is righteous in all things. In Christ creation is made new

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God**

**\*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 The Peace Of Christ***

*Leader: As a forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ  
The Peace Of Christ Be With You.*

***People: And Also With You.***

*Leader: Let us turn and greet one another*

### **Installation Of New Officers**

**Hymn #525**

**Here I Am, Lord**

### ***A Time With Our Children - Children's Choir***

The children are invited to come forward. Afterward the children are excused to go to children's church

**Hymn #25**

**Away In A Manger**

## **Prayers Of The People and Lord's Prayer**

(You are invited to share out loud your prayer concerns and joys)

**Leader: Lord in you mercy**

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### ***Lord's Prayer* (in unison)**

**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.**

### **Prayer Response Hymn #325**

### **Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers**

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
And make this house your home;  
Descend with all your gracious powers;  
O come, great Spirit, come!

### **Offering (let us present our Offerings, Tithes and Gifts to the Lord)**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Choral Anthem**

### **Somewhere in Bethlehem**

### **Scripture**

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

### **Sermon**

Rev. Jack Cormack

## Hymn: What A Glorious Night - Sidewalk Prophets

The shepherds came to  
see the baby  
Stood by his mother's side  
Here laid the Savior  
inside a manger  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night  
  
I hear the angels singing halleluiah  
Let the earth receive her king  
I know that love has come  
Singing it out  
Jesus Christ is born  
Jesus Christ is born  
Yeah

The shepherds wondered  
They couldn't hide it  
Told everyone in sight  
All were amazed  
When they heard how  
God came down on the glorious  
night  
God came down on this glorious  
night

I hear the angels singing halleluiah  
Let the earth receive her king  
I know that love has come  
Singing it out  
Jesus Christ is born

Jesus Christ is born  
Yeah  
  
Glorious  
Glorious  
What a Glorious night  
  
Glorious  
Glorious  
What a Glorious night

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Let the earth receive her king  
I know that love has come  
Singing it out  
Jesus Christ is born  
I heard that Jesus Christ is born  
Yeah Yeah Yeah

All is calm now  
All is quiet  
A Star shining in the sky  
Below in Bethlehem  
The king is sleeping  
Oh What a Glorious Night  
Oh What a Glorious Night

**\*Charge and Benediction**



**Ushers**  
Hutchins Family

**Fellowship Hosts**  
The Hutchins Family

**In Our Prayers**  
Our homebound: Harold Hiser, John  
Tranbarger, Fran Stansbury and Gusta  
Zweerink.

**CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY**  
Wanda Anderson, December 27

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00pm

Van Driver: Sammy Miller  
Nursery: Cindy Covey  
Sound: Brian Hill  
Building Monitor: Leonard Throne  
Greeter: Dan Wood

Committee Chairs please get your yearend reports into the church office.

John R Trangbarger's new address:  
Wilson's Creek Nursing and Rehab Center  
3403 W. Mt. Vernon, Rm. A130  
Springfield, MO 65802

**Ongoing Missions:**

Food Pantry  
Meals on Wheels  
Rare Breed meals  
Ronald McDonald House meals



Crosslines will again collect lightly to moderately used coats for both children and adults in need of protection against the cold this winter. We will take the coats to Glo cleaners for free cleaning prior to delivery to Crosslines.

Please sign up for Fellowship time for December and January. We have plenty of open spots!

The church office is seeking a new secretary. If you are interested, please contact Sammy Miller.

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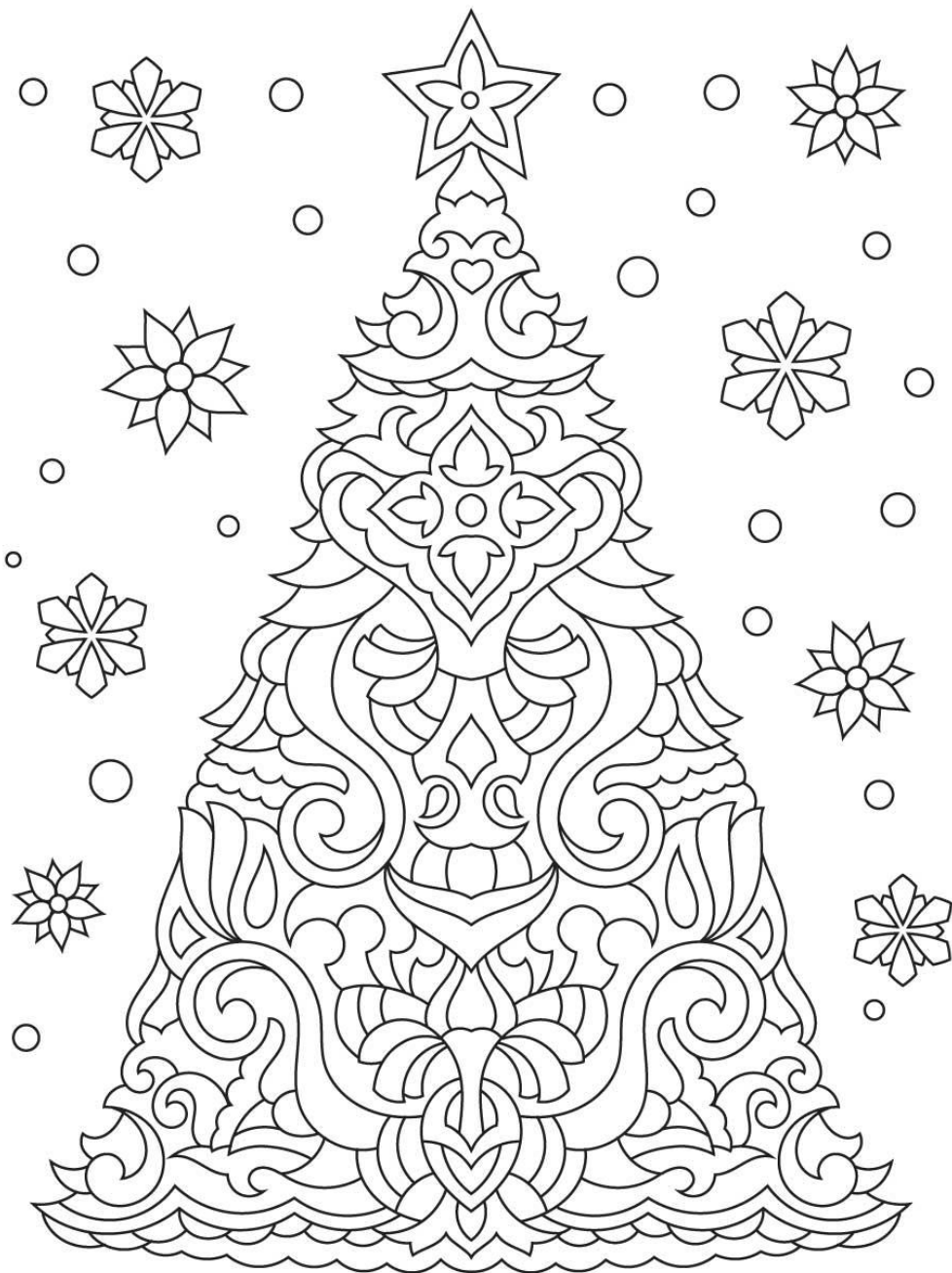
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