Order of Worship: Sunday, December 19, 2021

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Prelude 8:30 What Child Is This? arr. J. Behnke

Gaye Herndon, organ

11:00 a.m. Joy to the World arr. D. Wagner

Handbell Choir

Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath 8:30: Miller family (Michael, Joy, William)

11:00: Dilger family (Maggie, Michael, Miles, Mae)

Response *Toda la Tierra (All Earth is Waiting, vs. 1)* **Opening Hymn** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (UMH 229)

Advent Creed

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever—

This is true:

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

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It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world—

This is true:

To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world. So let us enter Advent in truth and grace, Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

Gloria Patri

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Children's Message

Scripture Isaiah 12:2-6

Sermon With Truth and Grace

Closing Hymn Joy to the World (UMH 246)

Closing Prayer

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives.

In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service,

that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

Postlude Hark the Herald Angels Sing (arr. D. Cherwein)