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The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2019

Sunday School Christmas Program Worship

VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #379, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"

Invocation

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Prayer, spoken in unison

Eternal Father, by the birth of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You gave Yourself to humankind; grant that, being born in our hearts, the Lord Jesus Christ may save us from all sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Nativity Story

Hymns During the Story:

Handbell Choir #1: "The First Noel"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #361

Verse 1: Sunday School; Verses 2-3: Congregation

Verse 4: Sunday School

"Away in A Manger"

Prelude: Summer Scheele

Verse 1: Isabella Dullum; Verses 2-3: Sunday School

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"
All Verses: Sunday School

Handbell Choir #2: "Joy to the World"

"Silent Night"

Prelude: Summer Scheele

Solo and Ukulele: Isabel Germann-Hutter

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Responses

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Homily: "No Toy Savior"

Offering/Chime Choir: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Arr. Sara Sorenson

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #387, "Joy to the World"

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude/Distribution of Gift Bags

Narrators: Isabel German-Hutter, Ava Stumpf, Emme Hattemer, Nathan Ballman, Samantha Langhans, Ethan Ballman, Summer Scheele

Mary: Chloe Sorenson

Joseph: Tanner Smith

Gabriel: Clara Rortvedt, Katlyn Ballman

Angels: Anika Rortvedt, Leah Sorenson, Ashlyn Peters, Jaelyn

Heins, Brynn Stumpf

Caesar Augustus: Lincoln Dicke

Innkeeper: Anders Rortvedt

Cow: Abby Hattemer

Sheep: Isabella Dullum

Donkey: Autumn Peters

Shepherds: Virgil Dicke, Kaden Dicke, Micah Ballman

Wisemen: Owen Hattemer, Boe Scheele, Preston Kitzmann

Handbell Group #1: Jaelyn Heins, Ethan Ballman, Nathan Ballman, Ashlyn Peters, Samantha Langhans, Anika Rortvedt, Chloe Sorenson, Micah Ballman

Handbell Group #2: Summer Scheele, Emme Hattemer, Isabel Germann-Hutter, Owen Hattemer, Ava Stumpf, Boe Scheele, Tanner Smith, Brynn Stumpf

Many thanks to Nikki Scheele and Leslie Germann-Hutter for coordinating the program again this year! Thanks also to Sara Sorenson for the musical assistance! Much appreciation is also extended to our wonderful Sunday School children and parents! Merry Christmas!