
LONGVIEW EPC

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 19, 2021

PRELUDE

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THE ADVENT WREATH

Josh & Katya Newsham

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Angels We Have Heard on High
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CHILDREN'S LESSON

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Matthew 1:18-25

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THE LORD AT WORK

BENEDICTION

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What does Advent have to do with worship? From the time of Israel's enslavement in Egypt, God has been calling his people to gather together to worship him: to become the people he created them to be (e.g. Exodus 5:1). Yet the Old Testament shows us that through the centuries, despite prophet after prophet and revelations of who God is and his promises to Israel, Israel continually struggles to worship God, they prefer worshipping other things. So, rather than becoming a blessing to the world, they become complicit in the corruption of the world. It's clear that if humans are ever to experience and express the richness of the Triune God, he will have to bring it about himself. After about 400 years he does. The Son of God becomes the Son of Man. Jesus is born and the world is changed forever; for at last, true worship is possible.

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday, December 22

5:30 p.m. Praise Team
No Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24

Office Closed
4:30 p.m. Praise Team & Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

All are invited

Christmas Eve at 5:45 p.m.

Celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus
at our family friendly candles & carols
worship service

Sunday, December 26

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, December 27

Office Closed

Friday, December 31

Office Closed

Saturday, January 1

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 2

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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