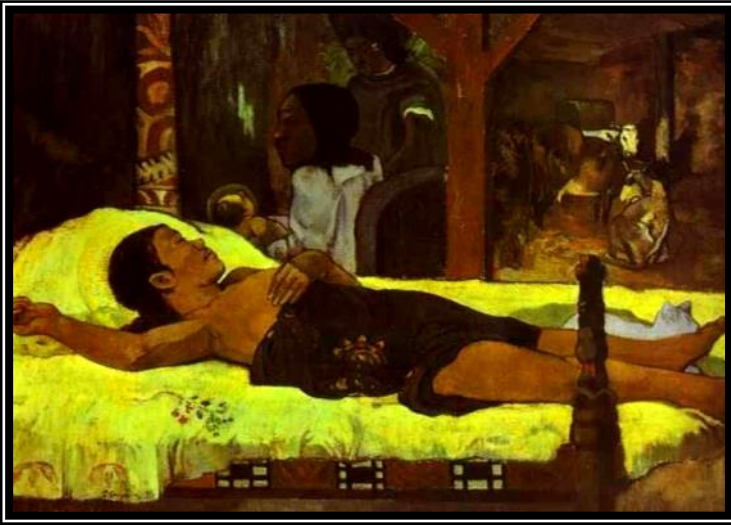


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2013



Nativity, by Paul Gauguin
1896
Oil on canvas

Eugène Henri Paul Gauguin (1848–1903) was a leading French Post-Impressionist artist who was not well appreciated until after his death. Gauguin was later recognized for his experimental use of colors and synthetist style that were distinguishably different from Impressionism. His work was influential to the French avant-garde and many modern artists, such as Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. Gauguin's art became popular after his death. He was an important figure in the Symbolist movement as a painter, sculptor, print-maker, ceramist, and writer. His bold experimentation with coloring led directly to the Synthetist style of modern art, while his expression of the inherent meaning of the subjects in his paintings, under the influence of the cloisonnist style, paved the way to Primitivism and the return to the pastoral. He was also an influential proponent of wood engraving and woodcuts as art forms.

Source: Wikipedia

WE GATHER

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ADVENT MEDITATION

DENNIS ELIOT

CHIME PEAL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

ISAIAH 11:1-10

On this second Sunday of Advent we light the candle of **Peace**. The prophet Isaiah declares that the day will come when the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. Let us pray.

Light of the world, shine on us. In this world of pain and darkness, shine through us. In this world that is in need of your peace, shine in us. Help us to be your peacemakers so that your peace will illuminate the world around us. Today and every day, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

SONG RESPONSE (HYMN 127)

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD) WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.
Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright.
O, shine all a - round us by day and by
night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

Today's opening voluntary is based upon the hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (found in the *Glory to God* hymnal at Number 108). This hymn was written by Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, who was born in northern Spain in 348 AD. He was a successful lawyer and judge, but at the age of fifty-seven, he became weary of his work and retired to write poetry. The tune to which the hymn is usually sung is based upon a plainchant from about the 11th century. It first appeared in print in the Finnish publication *Piae Cantiones* in 1582.

(hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.org and hymnary.org)

CHIME PEAL

Royal blue is the color of royalty to welcome the coming of a King. It can also symbolize the night sky in which the star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. While purple has traditionally been the liturgical color for Advent, royal blue is increasingly used for Advent, especially in Protestant churches, to distinguish it from Lent.

*OPENING HYMN 104

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

MATTHEW 3:2-3

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We study the ways of war; we stray from the paths of peace. By day we waste your gifts; by night we dishonor your name. Forgive us; deliver us; awaken us to your Word, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (BASED ON ISAIAH 35: 1, 10)

Leader: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing.

People: Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

*JOYFUL RESPONSE HYMN 137

HE CAME DOWN

HE CAME DOWN

He came down that we may have { love; } { peace; } { joy; } he

came down that we may have { love; } { peace; } { joy; } he came down that we may

have { love, } { peace, } { joy; } Hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Special thanks to the **Bel Canto** ensemble and their director, Mary Poshak, for providing musical selections in the service today.

Bel canto is a vocal ensemble comprised of 20 young women. They were organized three years ago at Kirkwood Methodist Church by Mary Poshak.

Members are:

Carolyn Abram,
Siobhan Akers,
Lisa Applegate,
Carrie Chen,
Deanna Davidson,
Beverly Fears,
Erin Hendon,
Hannah Hill,
Joanna Imbeault,
Kelsey Koenig,
Jessica Rodriguez,
Megan Rosenberg,
Emily Stokes,
Cynthia Tipton,
Holly Yoakum, and
Jordan Ault, accompanist.

WE PROCLAIM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ISAIAH 11:1-10

CHOIR ANTHEM

MARY'S LULLABY

BEL CANTO

JOHN RUTTER

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Leader: Go and tell everyone what you have seen and heard: the broken are made whole, the dead are raised, and the poor receive good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children are always welcome in worship at Faith Des Peres. Nursery Care (ages 4 & under), Sunday School (K-4th Grade), and Tweens Class (Grades 5-6) are available after the Choir Anthem. Kids, invite your friends to join you!

John the Baptist is a colorful prophetic figure who introduces the story of Jesus in all four Gospels. He dresses like Elijah, and he sounds like Isaiah or Amos. John preached a baptism for the repentance of sins. Repentance is more than saying, "I'm sorry." To repent is to change one's perspective or direction, to re-orient one's life, and to recommit to living differently.

SERMON

"NEW GROWTH"

REV. DR. ANNE EPLING

WE RESPOND

*HYMN 383

DREAM ON, DREAM ON

DREAM ON

PASTORAL PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS OF PETITION (congregation responds "Lord, hear our prayers.")

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(PLEASE SIGN THE FRIENDSHIP PAD.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PAVANE FOR A SILENT NIGHT

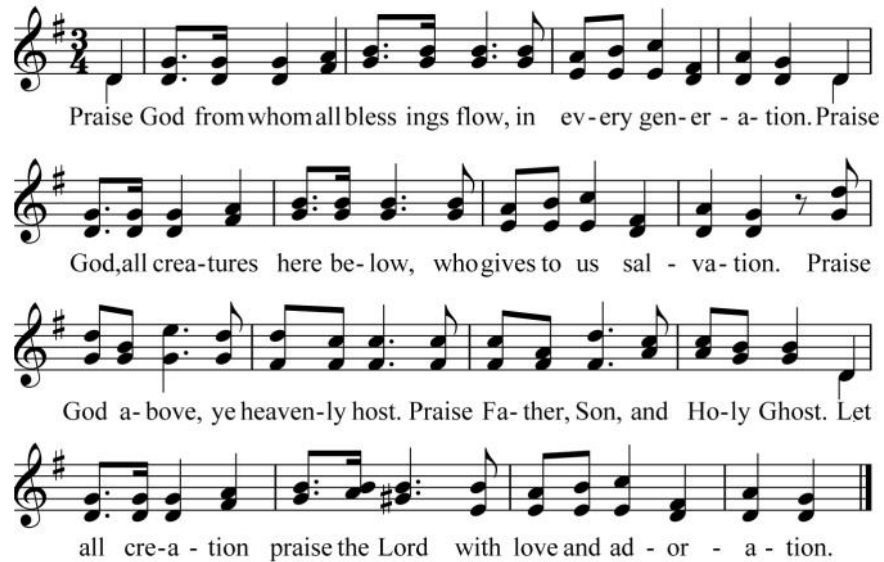
BEL CANTO

MAURICE RAVEL
ARR. LIEBERGEN

*DEDICATION OF GIFTS

CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY

O TANNENBAUM



Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in ev-ery gen-er - a - tion. Praise
God, all crea-tures here be-low, who gives to us sal - va - tion. Praise
God a - bove, ye heaven-ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Let
all cre - a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

UNISON

Hope of the world, you open your hands and fill our lives with good things. With gratitude, we offer you the gifts of our lives and labor. Bless these gifts we bring, that together we might plant seeds of hope in the lives of those who hunger for righteousness and justice. Bless our lives that we might bear your light and love into all the communities in which we live and move. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

During Advent, the children will carry the Advent candles out of the Sanctuary at the end of the service to symbolize that we are sent to be Christ's Light in the world.

*NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*CLOSING HYMN 92

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

WAITING

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

ARR. LANI SMITH

WE WELCOME YOU TO FAITH DES PERES FOR WORSHIP!

Following the Closing Voluntary, please join us for refreshments in the Gathering Space at the front of the church.

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