

Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude

Three Variations on "In Dulci Jubilo"
(Composer: German/Beck)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting: Joy

Hymn #76

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Responsive Reading

Mary’s Song – Luke 1:46-55

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
For he has looked with favor on his humble servant:
For, behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.
For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.
He has showed strength with his arm
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts
He has dethroned the mighty.
He has exalted the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things;
And he has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy
As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world’s rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures, and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory be to the Father

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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

Hymn #88

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Promise of Bethlehem

*Hope in Uncertainty: An Advent Series
through the Book of Micah*

Musical Reflection

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

(by J.S. Bach)

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn #82

Angels We Have Heard on High

Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World! (ANTIOCH)

(Composer: Mary McDonald)

Worship Participants	
Welcome & Sermon	Rev. Greg Buell
Announcements & Liturgy	Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard
Contemporary Worship Leader	Luke Stoner
Praise Music	Village Church Worship Band
Director of Traditional Music	Dr. Yongmin Kim
Choral Music	Village Church Choir
Organist	Sharon Peterson
Candlelighters	The Gilson Family
Scripture Reader	Stacy Carver (9:30)
	Ron Mantegna (11:00)
Prayer Partners	Spencer Lundgaard
	Jan Nickey (9:30)
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Contemporary Service

9:30 am

Welcome and Call to Worship

Praise SongJoy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Advent Candle Lighting: Joy

Praise and Prayer

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Prayer of Confession

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Passing the Peace

Announcements

(Offerings are received weekly via mail and online giving at <https://villagechurchnorthbrook.org/give/> . Those attending live worship can leave their donations in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.)

Scripture ReadingMicah 5:2-5a

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

The Promise of Bethlehem

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Closing SongO Little Town of Bethlehem

Blessing

Questions for Discussion

Read Micah 5:2-5

1. How is the town of Bethlehem described?
2. Despite its apparent insignificance, how will God use this place? Who will come from here? How is this ruler described ? (v.2)
3. What other King of Israel from long ago came from Bethlehem? Why is this significant and what connection does Micah want to make here? (Do an internet search if necessary: “King from Bethlehem”!)
4. Who is “she who is in labor?” How is her suffering like giving birth? (v. 3, also see Micah 4:10)
5. Who shall return to Israel after she gives birth? (v.3)
6. What is the Messiah compared to in verse 4 and how shall he rule over the remnant of returning exiles to Israel?
7. How is this Shepherd described? (v.4)
8. What will be the result of the Messiah’s rule? (v.4-5)
9. In what ways was this prophecy fulfilled through the birth of Christ?
10. Has everything that Micah spoke of been fulfilled completely? Why or why not?
11. In what ways is Jesus Christ the shepherd over your life? What areas still need to be brought under his loving rule?
12. How can accepting Christ’s rule over you bring more security and peace into your life?

Prayer Concerns & Closing Prayer

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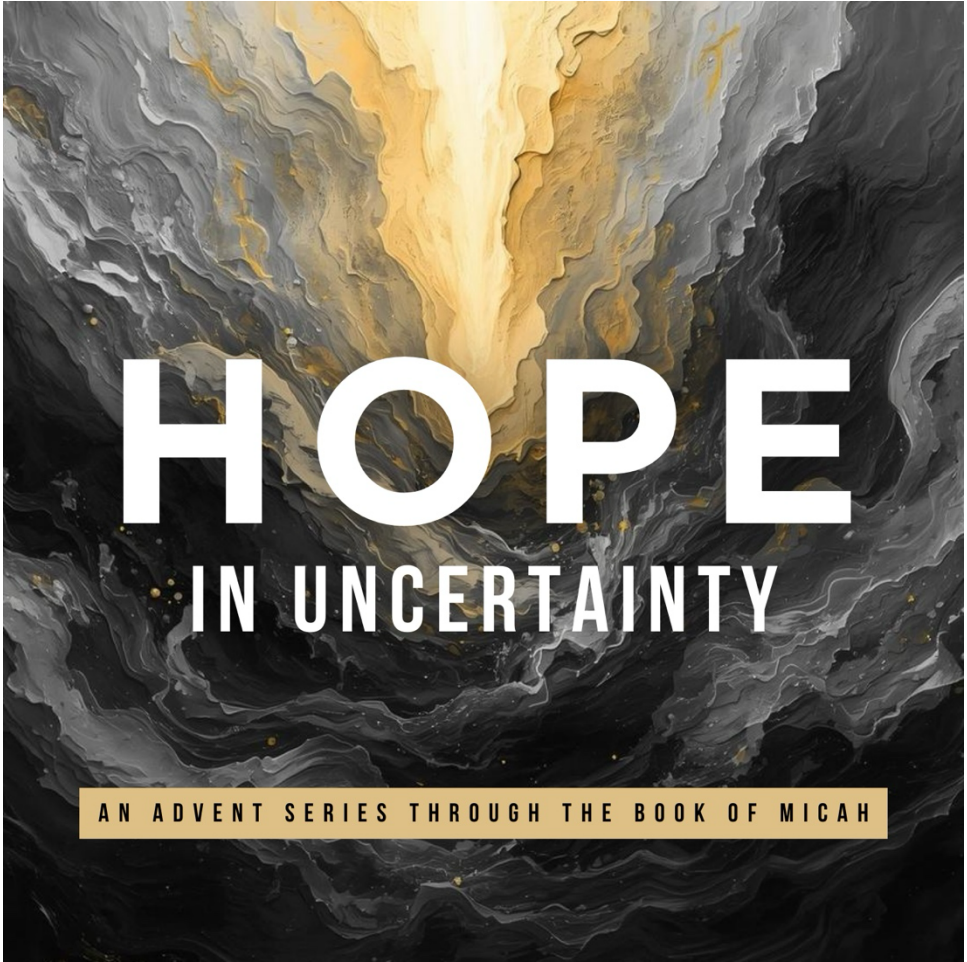
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