

# Contemporary Service

9:30 am

# Reflection Questions

## Welcome and Call to Worship

## Praise and Prayer

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Prayer of Confession

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

## Passing the Peace

## Announcements

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

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Minute for Ministry Rev. Younan Shiba

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-56

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Mighty God**

*Second in the Series "He Shall Be Called"*

Praise Song Christ Be Magnified

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song Same God

Blessing

## *He Shall Be Called* **Mighty God**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Luke 1:46-55

1. How would you define joy? Share an example of when you have experienced it in a meaningful way.
2. Read Luke 1:46-56, also known as the Song of Mary or "Magnificat", which gives us insight into what truly brought Mary joy.
3. Looking at the first two verses of her song, why is Mary joyful? What is the source of that joy in general? (Identify the subject and verb of each phrase as well as the object when provided.) What do these verses teach us about the nature of worship?
4. In verses 50 to 55 what virtues of God are lifted up? In what ways has he displayed those virtues through his actions?
5. Notice the tense of the verbs in verses 50 to 55; why did Mary use this tense? Considering that the source of this song was the miraculous pregnancy that Mary was having, and the coming birth of one who would one day be the Messiah, in what ways did God already accomplish these things through Christ's birth, and in what ways are these things yet to happen in the future?
6. Why was God's faithfulness to Israel and the promises to Abraham and his descendants so important?
7. In many ways Mary and the rest of Israel were waiting for God to come through on his promises. In what ways are people today doing the same? What about you; are there places in your life where you are waiting for God to come through?
8. Pray prayers of gratitude for God's faithfulness and what he has already done for you and for the world in Jesus Christ. Lift up those things on your heart about our broken world that are in need of redemption and deliverance.



## Program Staff

Spencer Lundgaard, Senior Pastor  
Greg Buell, Associate Pastor for Discipleship & Caring Ministries  
Ed Burton, Minister of Family Ministries  
Luke Stoner, Minister of Contemporary Worship/Sr. High Youth  
Jesse Borower, Director of Music (Traditional)



**December 4, 2022**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

# Traditional Service

11:00 am

Prelude **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**  
(Composer: Robert Lau)

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Introit **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Opening Hymn **Blessed Be the God of Israel** #67  
(Verses 1-3)

Responsive Reading **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

**For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named**

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.**

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Mighty God, forgive us for our lack of preparation for your arrival during this Advent season. We are more concerned with the machinery of Christmas than the mystery of Christ's arrival. We wonder about how you arrived rather than the mighty work of your dwelling with us. Forgive us for not believing that you can save us from our self-centered life, freeing us from our sins. Help us to live the victorious life we have in your Son. Enable us to act upon the joy of your redeeming love and the grace it provides. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Response **Glory Be to the Father** #961

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

Minute for Ministry **Rev. Younan Shiba**

Anthem **There is Faint Music**  
(Composer: Dan Forrest)

Scripture Reading **Luke 1:46-56**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord;

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon **Mighty God**  
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Musical Offering **Away in a Manger**

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 & the 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.

Closing Hymn **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** #56  
Tune: Hyfrydol

Benediction

Postlude **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**  
(Composer: Paul Marz)

## Worship Participants

Sermon	Spencer Lundgaard
Liturgist	Greg Buell
Worship Leader	Luke Stoner (9:30)
Lighting the Candle of Hope	Fischer Family (9:30 & 11:00)
Minute for Mission	Rev. Younan Shiba
Scripture Readers	Family Life Development Foundation
	Elaine Holmquist (9:30)
	Bill McDowell (11:00)
Prayers of the People	Roger Smith (9:30)
	Greg Buell (11:00)
Director of Music (Traditional)	Jesse Borrower (11:00)
Organist	Sharon Peterson (11:00)
Introit & Musical Offering	Village Church Bell Choir

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