

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 21, 2014

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"  
"Gloria for the Flutes"

Haan  
Jordan

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

\* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 52

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.**

\* Hymn: PH 354, stanzas 1-4

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

This is the Advent of our King!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

\* Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty God, who makes us glad with the yearly festival of the birth of Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so may we behold him without fear when he shall come to be our Judge, even Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

The Angels' Candle

\* Response: PH 328, stanza 7

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

VENI IMMANUEL

O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.

Bid all our sad divisions cease and be yourself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Lord God Almighty, who searches our hearts and knows our thoughts and intentions, we confess that we have not loved you with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. And we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved, and we have coveted what is not ours. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has for us become a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray.**

Silent Prayer and Confession      Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 53

Congregational Prayer

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Confession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12

PH 873

Reading from the Gospel:

Luke 2:8-14

Sermon: *The Names of Jesus at Christmas – Christ the Lord*

Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 345

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

### THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Jordan

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Blessing:

Now may he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 354, stanza 5

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

Saints and angels join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore their voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Postlude

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