



Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Advent
December 20th, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Or nous dites, Marie* Jean-François Dandrieu

Welcome Ken Henry

Opening Hymn **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came** GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Prayer of Confession Dorothy Piatt

Congregational Response STUTTGART

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Congregational Response GLORIA

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Passing of the Peace

God's Word to Us

Psalter Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Called to be God-bearers Lynne Clements

Hymn **Joy to the World** ANTIOCH

Sending Us Out

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Candlighting Response

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Noël Étranger

Louis-Claude D'aquin



The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came 16

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10,10,12,10

Basque carol

Para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Arr. by Edgar Pettman and John Wickham

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, All
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To
 4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And

hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told." Most
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:

high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Our deepest fear is not that we
are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are
powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.

Your playing small
Does not serve the world.

We are all meant to shine... We
were born to make manifest the
glory of God that is within us.

From “*Our Deepest Fear*”
by Marianne Williamson

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