

December 16, 2018

Preparation for Worship  
"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God."

Isaiah 40:1

Prelude – "The First Noel – Good King Wenuslas"  
Virginia Carrington Thomas

Welcome & Announcements  
Lighting of the Advent Candles

Alex, Laura, Calvin, Emma, Levi & Jacob Pinegar

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship – Isaiah 40:9-11

Pastor: "Go you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

Congregation: Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm  
rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense  
before him.

Unison: He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs  
in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those  
that are with young."

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn - "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" #200

Responsive Reading – Genesis 15:1-21 p.10 in Pew Bible

Morning Prayer Ruling Elder Dave Collins

\*Hymn – "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #203

\*Confession of Faith – The Shorter Catechism, Q. 20-22  
p. 870 in Trinity Hymnal

\*Doxology #731

Offering

Offertory Anthem – "Once in Royal David's City" Alexander/Gauntlett  
Matt & Libby Doublestein, Robert & Julie Covert

*Congregation please stand and sign verse 5, #225 in Trinity Hymnal*

(Children 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed to Children's Church)

Scripture Reading – Genesis 12:1-4 p.8 in Pew Bible

Sermon The Reverend Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr.

"GOD'S COVENANT: THE PROMISE OF BLESSING"

\*Hymn – "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" #207

\*Benediction

\*Postlude – "How Great Our Joy" Jungst

The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Pastor  
Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director

### TODAY

Sunday School –classes for all ages 9:15AM

Morning Worship 10:30AM

Christmas Program – "Mary Remembers" 6PM

### THIS WEEK

Monday - Deacons' Meeting, 7PM

Tuesday - Choir Rehearsal, 7PM

### UPCOMING

December 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6:30PM

January 8 – Christmas Choir Party, 7PM

GREETERS – John & Kathleen Harris, Jacob Wantz

### NURSERY SCHEDULE – (Infant Nursery – First 2)

Today – Charity Clarke, Amy Bousema, Rebekah & Garrett Tice

December 23 – Linda Oswald, Heather Wilson, Matt Oswald, Emily Waye

December 30 – Beth Nicol, Kelly Ramsey, David Nicol, Victoria Pham

January 6 – Pam Murdock, Laura Waye, Brett Bousema, Phoebe Schuetz

January 13 – Laura DeMasie, Carol Cuttino, Matt & Libby Doublestein

### STATISTICS:

December 9, 2018 Attendance – 123

Undesignated Giving - \$5,274.00 Missions Giving – \$671.00

Monthly Need - \$32,283 December giving through Dec.9 -\$16,415.00

### FUTURE SERMON TEXTS AND TITLES:

December 23 – Gen. 49:10, "God's Covenant: The Promise of Authority"

December 24 – Matt. 1:21-25, "God's Covenant: The Promise has Come!"

December 30 – Romans 11:1-24, "God's Covenant: The Promise Extends to the World"

January 6 – Psalm 1, "Wise Counsel For the New Year"

January 13 – Psalm 2, "God's Warning to the Nation"