

**Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church Onancock, VA**  
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**December 20, 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Christmas Program 2020**

Prelude & Welcome: Good morning! The mystery of the ages is now revealed. To God be glory forever. "Let us worship God!

Choral Opening: Light of Hope

Call to Worship

L: In a world where we often seek personal happiness, Advent beckons us to a deeper expression of our faith in Christ.

**P: For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

L: Advent beckons us to remember God's unconditional love, even when we stumble.

**P: For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

L: Advent beckons us to remember God's invitation to the human heart to be still in the face of strife.

**P: For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

L: Advent beckons us to remember we always have hope, even when it seems as if our world is caving in around us.

**P: For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Prayer: **Gracious God, in a world where the message is "be happy", we are reminded that only you grant the gift of true joy. This morning let us hear again with joyful hearts and proclaim with elated voices the wondrous refrain of your coming. "The Lord our God, is with us both now and forevermore." We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #147 GTG The First Nowell

**Anthem** Come See

Call to confession *God is here. Trusting in God's grace, Let us confess our sufferings, our losses, our pain, our sins. Join me, as we pray together, saying,*

Prayer of Confession

**O Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, and touch, and easily believe. But you did not ask us**

**to believe what is easy, you have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us, Holy One, when we doubt the ways you work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive us we question how you chose to enter the world, born as one of us. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways which seem so impossible to believe. Help us to look to you as the One who comes to set us free in believing. Amen.** Adapted from prayer by Jan Brooks.

Words of Assurance: *Friends, believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen!*

**Gloria Patri #579 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.**

Affirmation of Faith **Advent Creed** — written by Lisa Frenz,

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation! We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation! We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us; Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!**

**Anthem** Mary Did You Know

Reading Isaiah 11: 1-9 & Luke 2:22-32

Hymn #119 GTG Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Christmas Program 2020 presented by the Youth of NMPC**

**Anthem** Silent Night

Announcements/Offering

Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; 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 #GTG 134 Joy to the World

Benediction/Choral Closing/Postlude

**In December Darkness by Ann Weems**

The whole world waits in December darkness

For a glimpse of the Light of God.

Even those who snarl "Humbug!"

And chase away the carolers

Have been seen looking toward the skies.

The one who declared he never would forgive

Has forgiven,

And those who left home

Have returned,

And even wars are halted,

If briefly,

As the whole world looks starward.

In the December darkness

We peer from our windows

Watching for an angel with rainbow wings

To announce the HOPE of the World.

**Our Mission Statement**

*"Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously—*

*take God seriously."* Micah 6:8  
**Compassionate, Fair and Loyal**

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