



**Sunday December 20, 2020  
8:30 a.m.**

**LIVE STREAM: Facebook  
Mt Nittany Church or  
Telephone call-in (audio):  
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Welcome to the  
Mount Nittany UM Church  
We are overjoyed to worship  
with you!

Today, we continue the Holy  
Season of Advent looking at  
2 Samuel 7:1-11 and 16,  
and Luke 1:26-38, to get a clearer  
sense of the messengers of God's  
plans and promises. We may just  
find that they are those we may  
barely suspect or notice.

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**Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Advent Liturgy** II Samuel 7:1-11,16 (CEB)

**Opening Hymn**

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Come & Behold Him

**Scripture** Luke 1:26-38 (CEB)

**Hymn** There's A Song in the Air, vs. 1,2,4  
The First Noel, vs. 1,2

**Message**

Child of Promise: Shepherds and Angels  
Pastor Chris

**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn** He Shall Reign Forevermore

**Sending**

**Postlude**

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# HYMNS OF WORSHIP

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## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

- 1/ Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria, in excelsis Deo
- 2/ Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria, in excelsis Deo
- 3/ Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing,  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria, in excelsis Deo
- 4/ See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary, Joseph lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria, in excelsis Deo

## COME AND BEHOLD HIM

- 1/ Come and behold Him Come see His glory  
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;  
We will discover all of His beauty;  
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known.  
**Chorus:** *Come and behold Him, Come and behold Him  
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;  
Come and Behold Him, wait now before Him.  
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.*
- 2/ Come and behold Him, Come see His mercy  
Come find His tenderness reaching to you  
Just as a mirror shows a reflection  
His Word and Spirt come now reflecting His love.  
**Chorus:** *Come and behold Him, Come and behold Him  
Come with an honest heart to see all He is;  
Come and Behold Him, wait now before Him.  
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.*

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** ...for January-February can be found in the plastic box on the porch at the sanctuary entrance. Large print as well as regular print is available.

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP POSTPONED:** The Bishop has ordered that ALL In-person Worship services be postponed through the end of the year, including Christmas Eve services.

For Sunday services: We will hold one LIVE-STREAM ONLY worship service at 8:30am

While we mourn the loss to at least be able to gather in limited numbers, we are compelled to ensure that no one is put at risk while attending worship at or in the employ of Mt Nittany UM Church. God has indeed blessed us that we've maintained zero infections among staff and parishioners thus far. However, with the increasing numbers and subsequent risk, we will fully comply with the Bishop's request.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GET YOU CANDLES/PHOTOS READY !** As Christmas Eve service will be online-only (7 p.m. on Facebook: *Mt Nittany Church*), we still want to make our worship extra special. We are asking that each person/family have a candle ready for the singing of "Silent Night" AND that you submit a photo by Dec. 20 of you and/or your family holding your candles. On Christmas Eve, as we're singing "Silent Night," we will have a collage (of all the photos we've received) up on our video screen so that everyone worshipping can see all of their church family with their candles! Mt Nittany UMC is providing battery-powered candles (while supplies last), which are available in the bin at the front door of the church. Batteries are included, but please take only those candles you need so others may enjoy them as well. If you already have candles at home, please feel free to use them. If you cannot get to the church and there is no one who can pick up a candle for you, call the office at 237-3549, and we will arrange to have your candle delivered and even a quick photo taken.

Please choose one of the following ...

- A) E-mail your digital photos to Pastor at [cpassante@susumc.org](mailto:cpassante@susumc.org); OR
- B) Mail your photo prints to the church address:  
1500 E. Branch Rd, State College, PA 16801, OR
- C) Drop them off at the church in the same box for the candles

**DEADLINE TO RECEIVE PHOTOS: SUNDAY, DEC. 20**

**2021 CALENDARS**—There is an abundance of calendars for the new year available for the taking located in the plastic box sitting on the porch outside the sanctuary entrance. Please help yourself...



**OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021—have arrived at the church.** Since we no longer use bulk mailing you will need to stop by or call the church office to make arrangements for curbside pick-up of your boxed set. Please call 237-3549 or send an E-mail to [mnumcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mnumcoffice@gmail.com) to make arrangements with me to get them / Karin

## THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

1/ There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

2/ There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,  
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.  
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,  
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

4/ We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song  
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.  
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,  
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

## THE FIRST NOEL.

1/ The first Noel, the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

2/ They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

### He Shall Reign Forevermore

1/ In the bleak mid-winter All creation groans,  
For a world in darkness Frozen like a stone  
Light is breaking, in a stable for a throne  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

2/ If I were a wise man I would travel far  
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part,  
but poor as I am I will give to Him my heart  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore  
Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

3/ Here within a manger lies the One who made the starry skies  
This baby born for sacrifice Christ, the Messiah!  
Into our hopes, into our fears The Savior of the world appears  
The promise of eternal years Christ, the Messiah!

And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore (sing 4x's)

Unto us a Child is born The King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore

### **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever Amen



**Prayer of the Week:** Pray that this Advent season brings peace, healing and light to the world.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please join with us as we pray for these friends and family. If you want to send a card, please call or send an E-mail to me @ [mnumcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mnumcoffice@gmail.com) and I'll give you the address.

**BJ & Jim Rhodes Joel Burd;** Jon Hickey; Rick Edmiston;  
Chris Boliek Family; **Bruce & Mary Johnston; Gladys Shuey;**  
**Kay Partenheimer**

(**Bold Print** names are new to the list. Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and then are removed unless the office is notified to keep their names on the list for an additional 4 weeks. I encourage you to send a card to uplift our senior adults alone in a Care Facility during this season of year... or remember one listed below with a birthday card

[Here are a few of our senior adults in Assisted Living/Care Facilities](#) : Because of Hippa laws, I cannot include addresses in the bulletin, but if you call or E-mail me, I'll be happy to send you a list with their address.



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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK : Dec. 20-27 ...**

Joan Long; Kelly Clemons; Robert VanDruff; Ryan Burton;  
Lorna Yoder; Christopher Knepp; Marty Mondock;  
Scott Williams; Rachael Klinger

**MISSIONS FOCUS TODAY: UMCOR ...** As with many organizations, 2020 has been a year of special challenges for UMCOR. Even so, through God's love, there have been a number of signs of hope. So far in 2020, UMCOR has supported responses to over 100 unique emergencies around the world. No matter what comes, UMCOR remains dedicated to supporting those around the world affected by natural and man-made emergencies.