



December 4, 2022

Advent Peace

From Generation to Generation: *God Meets us in our Fear*

Mantua Center Christian Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Arms
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If you choose to attend in person, please be aware of the following:

- Please use your discretion on **masking, handshakes, and hugs as each person feels comfortable**. Thank you for your patience, prayers, and feedback.
- This worship service is being live streamed. If you have any concern about you or your child being live on YouTube, please stay behind the 5th row of pews.
- The nursery has been cleaned and sanitized and is available if needed for your children. There are also coloring sheets at the entrance of the church.
- **After the Children's Moment, all kids through 4th grade are welcome to attend Sunday School class which will run until the end of worship.**
- We have resumed the passing of communion. If you prefer, we have sealed "personal" communion cups available at the entrance. Offering baskets will be passed around the sanctuary at the start of the "Invitation to Generosity" during worship. (You may also *Give Online* at: mantuacentercc.org).

SPECIAL MUSIC **"There's a New Kid in Town"** **Vince Meier**
[Words and Music by Don Cook, Curly Putman, & Keith Whitley]

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION **Rev. Chad Delaney**

ONE: Patient God, in times of anxiousness, we have sometimes made decisions from a place of fear rather than love.

ALL: In times of uncertainty, we allow fear to take the place of reason, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.

ONE: Too often we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid" in the back room and give fear the front row seat.

ALL: Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.

ONE: Silence in us the voices of scarcity, shame, rejection, and hatred,

ALL: Grant us your peace, re-center us in your love. With hope we pray, Amen.

***COMMUNION**

Meditation

Drema Herron

Communion Hymn

#124, v.1

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Drema Herron

Words of Institution

Rev. Chad Delaney

Music: "Alas! And Did my Saviour Bleed?" [by R. E. Hudson]

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-40

SERMON

"God Meets us in our Fear"

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***CLOSING HYMN**

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

#153, v. 1-4

1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good will to all from heaven's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing;
and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing.

3 And you beneath life's crushing load whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow,
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing;
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

4 For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold;
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Chad Delaney

POSTLUDE

“Tis so Sweet to Walk with Jesus”
[by A. B. Simpson]

Sarah Park

*Thank you for joining us at
Mantua Center Christian Church.*

- **All are welcome to join in any of our Sunday classes following worship:**
 - (1) “Seeking Enlightenment” led by Rev. Nancy Humes,
 - (2) “Life 101” led by Carol Buzbee
 - (3) Sunday School for grades 5th-12 led by Rev. Chad Delaney.
- **Please note that every Sunday during the month of December, we will be collecting staple food items for Kids Weekend Meals.** (ie. Mac & Cheese, Canned Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Green Beans or Corn, Puddings in cups – non refrigerated, Sugar Free Dole fruit cups ***in 100% juice*** – non refrigerated, and any individually wrapped treats or cookies) **We will resume the collection for the 4C’s on Sunday, January 22nd, 2023.**
- **Don’t forget our MCCC Christmas Party is next Saturday! (1-4pm, then caroling afterward. Please bring appetizer or “finger food” to share, and a homemade gift to exchange, if desired. Bring one, Get one!)**