

Hazardville United Methodist Church

# Second Week of Advent

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*Thank you for being here today, may the Lord bless you until next time*

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## Upcoming Events

December 11 - Blue Christmas Service - 6:30pm

December 13 - No Cover Cafe 7pm to 9pm

December 18 - Grief Support Group at 1pm in Yates (Conference Room)

December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Pageant in church  
Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30am.



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## Prelude

Bells-It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Kathy Caton

*The music of the Prelude begins the worship experience. The time of sharing and fellowship comes to an end, and we enter into a time of quiet, prayerful reflection. We invite you to sit quietly and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the notes of the music at this time.*

## Words of Welcome

### Advent Candle Reading/Lighting

#### Call to Worship

Esta Clarke

L: Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit

**A: Alight within us your flame of PEACE this day.**

L: Grant us openness to hear your message.

**A: Grant us courage to be your messengers the world, creating more PEACE in the midst of fear.**

#### \*Hymn

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

**No.215**

To a maid engaged to Joseph, the angel Gabriel came.  
"Fear not," the angel told her, "I come to bring good news,  
good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.

"For you are highly favored by God the Lord of all,  
who even now is with you. You are on earth most blest,  
you are most blest, most blessed, God chose you, you are blest!"

But Mary was most troubled to hear the angel's word.  
What was the angel saying? It troubled her to hear,  
to hear the angel's message, it troubled her to hear.

"Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.  
His name shall be called Jesus, God's offspring from on high.  
And he shall reign forever, forever reign on high."

"How shall this be?" said Mary, "I am not yet a wife."  
The angel answered quickly, "The power of the Most High  
will come upon you shortly, your child will be God's child."

As Mary heard the angel, she wondered at his words.  
"Behold, I am your handmaid," she said unto her God.  
"So be it; I am ready according to your word."

#### Passing the Hope

*Pass the Peace of Christ with a Neighbor*

#### The Word in Music

*Soon and Very Soon A.Crouch*

Kathy Caton

#### Hymn

*(Please Stay Seated)* Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

**No.328**

*All Children should come down to the front during the hymn*

## The Pastor's Time with Kids

### Words for Today

Luke 1:26-56

Esta Clarke

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Message:

Nothing is impossible #morepeace

Pastor Lisa McColgan

### Prayers of the People

Pastor Lisa McColgan

*Leader:* In this moment we pray for all those who are in need of peace.

***Response:* "We hear the message of God, Do not be afraid."**

*Leader:* In this moment we give thanks for all the ways we have experienced God's presence among us, in the words and actions that bring peace in the midst of fear.

***Response:* "For all who proclaim your reign on earth, we join their refrain, Do not be afraid."**

#### 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.**

**We believe there are angels among us  
Called within us, not just from up above  
You give us peace enough in these times of trial  
You show us how to live, You teach us how to give  
You call us to be light and love**

### Offering

### Doxology

Sung to the Tune of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God, all Spirit messengers below.  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

### Dedication Prayer

Pastor Lisa McColgan

**All: God of peace and possibility,  
we offer these gifts so that they may be transformed into your good news  
for the sake of the world. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

**No. 240**

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 men, from heaven's all-gracious King."

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

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.

And ye, 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!

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:**

Pastor Lisa McColgan

**Postlude**

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