

PRELUDE

The Bells of Christmas Chime Once More/ J. Hanson

◇ A time of quiet preparation

Joy to the World!! arr. F. Ritter

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN 218**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

***CONFESSION**

Philippians 2:6-11 (NIV)

Leader: Jesus Christ...being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

People: **But made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.**

Leader: And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

People: **Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,**

Leader: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: **And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

CAROL SING

CONGREGATION SELECTIONS

GREETINGS

TO ONE ANOTHER

TO OUR GUESTS

PRAYER

Morris Lapi

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

A Virgin Most Pure/ arr. M. Seeger & P. Seeger
Clare Wolf, piano and vocals

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9: 1-7 (NIV)

¹ Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan--

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful

Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

SERMON

He Will Be Called: Prince of Peace

Advent series

Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE 219

All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

What Child Is This?/R. Perry

SERMON NOTES: