

Fourth Weekend of Advent - Peace
Unheard Voices of Jesus' Story: Tamar

Sunday, December 22, 2024
9:00 AM



Resurrection Church at Saddle Brooke

Please silence your electronic devices during service.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

PRELUDE (a time for quiet reflection to center ourselves for worship)

*OPENING HYMN

Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to

lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - PEACE

L: The One who will rule Israel is from of old, from the ancient days.

C: The One on whom we wait is from the most unexpected place, from Bethlehem of Ephrathah.

L: The Shepherd's mother is in labor.

C: The whole world cries out with her in labor pains.

L: We need the Shepherd to stand and feed his flock.

C: For the whole world is groaning in need of God's peace.

L: We light the peace candle this week because Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

C: In Jesus we shall live securely as Christ's peace extends to the ends of the earth.

All: God of Peace, you send us the Prince of Peace. We long for him to rule in our lives and relationships. We yearn for every corner of your world to be subject to your peace. We eagerly await the days when your whole flock will live in security. May we, through the power of your Spirit, shine the peace of Christ in the darkness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SING

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1-6**

NRSV

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the

father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Christ.

SONG

Emmanuel

Unison

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
His name is called Em - man - u - el;
God with us, re - vealed in us;
His name is called Em - man - u - el.

SERMON: "Unheard Voices of Jesus' Story: Tamar" Pastor Sharon Ragland

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who
seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to
mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4
Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599



*APOSTLES' CREED

People of God, what is it we profess to be true?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Concluding each portion of the prayers the leader says: "Yes, Lord..." and the congregation responds: "receive our prayer."

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- American & Foreign Christian Union
- Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry
- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
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- Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
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- Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A. Thank you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Murmurs in a Stable

by Craig Courtney

Resurrection Singers

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (based on Psalm 51)

Almighty God,

Have mercy on me, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

When we pray, words do not come easily but God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED

All are invited to the Lord's table.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

The good news of Advent is this: Christ is coming. Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet. And may the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



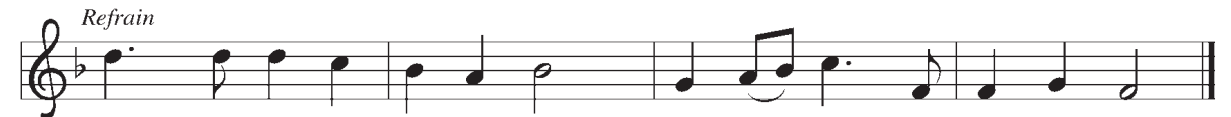
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

*SENT FORTH

Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

Go forth knowing that Christ is coming soon and that Christ is our peace.

We will go forth in peace. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*SENDING MUSIC

Join Us...
IN ORO VALLEY

Christmas at Resurrection

DECEMBER

24

11:00 AM Traditional Service*
3:00 PM Children's Service*
5:00 PM Contemporary Service*
7:00 PM Traditional Service*
9:00 PM Traditional Service*
*Candlelight Services

Holy Communion At All Services.

Lessons & Carols Service

Dec. 28th - 5:00 PM OV

Dec. 29th 9:00 AM SB, 9:15 AM OV

Important Dates for Year-End Giving

December 23

Gifts of stocks, third party checks

December 24

Credit card gift transactions

December 30

Last day for online ACH bank transfers

December 31

Postmarked checks sent by mail

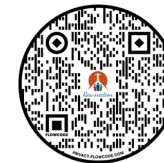
For additional information, please see the December Vision or contact the Church office at 520-575-9901.

Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance for last week: In person: 963 Online: 572

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Altar Care & Communion:

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Advent Candle Lighting:

Jim and Mimi Heywood

UPCOMING SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR RESURRECTION AT SADDLEBROOKE

Sunday, December 29	Pastor Carol George
Sunday, January 5	Pastor Carol George
Sunday, January 12	Pastor Erin Morris

For any pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Carol George
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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