

Magnifying and Glorifying Our Lord, Who Delivers!

PRELUDE *Two Settings of “In dulci jubilo”* Marcel Dupré and J. S. Bach
Dennis Bergin, organ

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

ADVENT BELL TOLLING

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Matthew 1:18-21; Galatians 1:3-5

Reverend David Barnes, Associate Pastor
Baile Family

Pastor: Today, we light the second candle of Advent.
Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Reader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING! No. 214** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*
Carrie Smith, piano; Matt Brantley, bass; Greg Wagener, drums; Nathanael Zanders, timpani

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 40:1-3, 9-10a: 95:1

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Pastor: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

People: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

Pastor: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

People: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

***THE SAVIOR REIGNS! No. 195** *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

***TO FREE ALL THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM! No. 211** *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

***GOD REVEALS OUR DELIVERER** 1 Samuel 21:10-22:1a

Pastor: And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, “Is not this David the king of the land?”

People: Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, ‘Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?’”

Pastor: And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

People: So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard.

Pastor: Then Achish said to his servants, “Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?”

People: David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam.

***WERE NOT THE RIGHT MAN ON OUR SIDE! NO. 92** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 40:13

Doug Loveall, Elder

Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD *Magnificat anima mea*
Sing! Jr.; MS/HS Choir; Sanctuary Choir

Magnificat **anima** **méa** **Dóminum.**
Magnifies soul mine the-Lord,

Et **exsultávit** **spíritus** **méus** **in** **Déo** **salutári** **méo.**
And rejoices spirit mine in God the-Savior mine.

Quía **respéxit** **humilitátem** **ancillæ** **súæ:**
For he-has-regarded the-low-state of-handmaiden his:

écce **énim** **ex** **hoc** **beátam** **me** **dícant** **ómnes generations**
behold indeed from this fortunate me shall-call all generations.

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John Lead Pastor
 SERMON SERIES “Magnify! Glorify!”
 SCRIPTURE TEXTS Psalm 34:1-7 | Page 463 in the pew Bible
 SERMON TITLE *The LORD Delivers*

***GOD IS MAN, MAN TO DELIVER! NO. 217** *All My Heart This Night Rejoices!*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Reprise: All My Heart This Night Rejoices!*

The LORD Delivers

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Psalm 34:1-7 | Page 463 in the pew Bible

Why should you magnify the LORD?

1. He delivers from fear.
2. He delivers from shame.
3. He delivers from trouble.

*Congregation please rise

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