ADVENT WORSHIP CELEBRATION



"UNTHINKABLE" Luke 1:26-38

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SHILOH DECEMBER 20, 2020 | 11:00 AM REVEREND UNDRA PARKER, PASTOR

SMBC AT WORSHIP

11:00 AM

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

ROBERT HEARTWELL

DEACON ALAN GROWDEN

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE REVEREND GWUANA THOMAS & REVEREND DESIREE THOMAS

O COME, O COME EMANUEL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel. ROBERT HEARTWELL

READING FOR CANDLE LIGHTING {HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE}

Lighting a candle is a simple yet profound act. It is a testimony to the power of light over darkness. As we light this fourth candle of Advent, we continue our journey to Christmas. The fourth candle of Advent is called the **Love** candle; as we anticipate Christmas, let us remember our **loving** savior, how he came once as a baby that the world through him might be saved, and how he will return in glory.

The words of Zephaniah:

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his **love** he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

How do we know that Jesus came in love and to demonstrate love?

John 15:9 and 13 and Romans 5:8

As the Father has **loved** me, so have I **loved** you. Now remain in my **love**. Greater **love** has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

But God demonstrates his own **love** for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

And what does this mean for the followers of Christ? Jesus told his disciples;

John 13:34-35

A new command I give you: **Love** one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love** one another.

Scripture reminds us that;

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Jesus Christ is the true reason for hope, peace, joy, and love in this season and forever.

We light the candles of HOPE, PEACE, & JOY.

(silent reflection)

We now light the candle of LOVE.

(silent reflection)

Father, thank you for loving us enough to send Your son Jesus. Help us walk in that love during these final days of Advent. Amen.

CHRISTMAS HALLELUJAH

DEACON ALAN GROWDEN

I've heard about this baby boy who's come to earth to bring us joy. And I just want to sing this song to you It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth--The minor fall, the major lift With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem expecting child, they searched the inn To find a place for You were coming soon there was no room for them to stay So in a manger filled with hay God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night to see this baby wrapped in light A host of angels led them all to You. It was just as the angels said You'll find Him in a manger bed, Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

A star shown bright up in the east to Bethlehem, the Wise Men three Came many miles and journeyed long for You and to the place at which You were Their frankincense and gold and myrrh They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

SERMON PASTOR UNDRA PARKER

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

LET GO, LET GOD — ALEXIS BANDA, SOLOIST
As soon as I stop worrying, Worrying how the story ends
I let go and I let God, Let God have His way
That's when things start happening
When I stopped looking at back then
I let go and I let God, Let God Have his way

CLOSING WORSHIP PASTOR UNDRA PARKER AND FIRST LADY MILDRED PARKER WORSHIP IN GIVING | MINISTRY FOCUS | PRAYER & BENEDICTION



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²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT SHILOH

DECEMBER 25, 2020 ~ VIRTUAL WORSHIP 11;00 AM



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