

December 6th Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

People: *He is their refuge in the time of trouble.*

Pastor: The Lord helps them and rescues them;

People: *Because they take refuge in him.*

Opening Hymn #155 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Special Music: "He's the Reason for the Season" Katelyn Reed

Scripture: Jeremiah 6:16 OT page 706

Sermon: Ask For The Ancient Paths

Time of Prayer (Note: For now, we will not be asking for spoken joys and concerns. Please text them, send them by Facebook messenger, or leave them on the pulpit.)

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn #152 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Offering Reminder (online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org)

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- Advent marks the beginning of the church year
- This year has been tough
 - New words – social distancing, porch-deliver
 - New routine – masks, hand sanitizer
 - Lots of response – anger, anxiety, humor
- A little of the humor...
- COVID and Culture Shock – Peter Olson
 - Eliminate options
 - Routine is your friend
 - Reduce input
 - Talk

BACKGROUND OF PASSAGE

- Judah would be judged – people strayed
- Lots of false prophets
- Society preferred wickedness to righteousness
- Judah had strayed from the paths of righteousness and refused to heed God's call

FOR US TODAY

- How have we strayed?
- Where are we depending on ourselves rather than God?
- Where are we depending on others rather than God?

Opening Hymn #155 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love,
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven!
No ear may hear his coming, but in the world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Closing Hymn #152 “Angels We Have Heard On High”

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem, and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Poinsettias

This year we will again have the opportunity to beautify our sanctuary by contributing Christmas poinsettias. The cost of the flowers will be \$5.00. Each poinsettia may be presented in your name, in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Orders must be in by December 6th.

Given by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Please include the cost of the flowers with your order and either mail to the church office or put in the offering plate. The church mailing address is PO Box 52.