



December 5, 2021 – 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

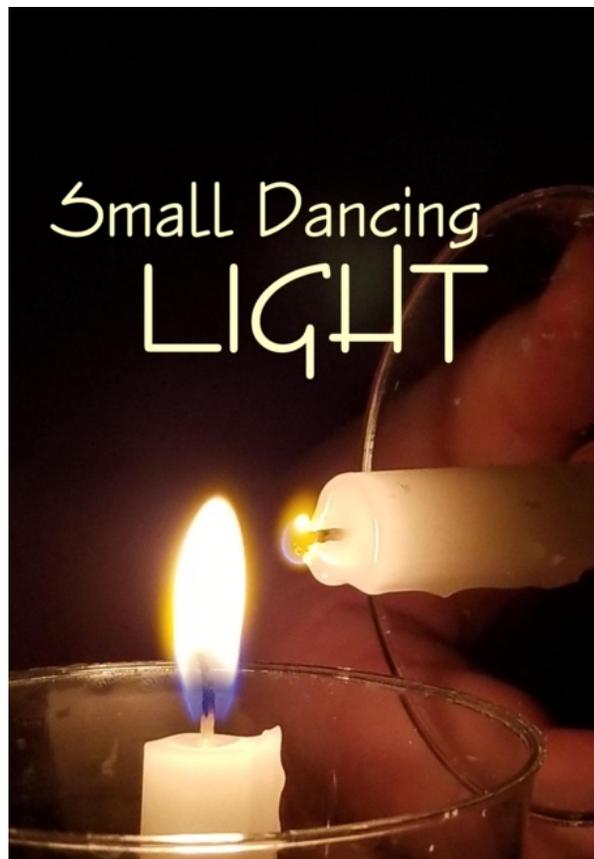
SMALL, *Dancing* LIGHT

A Choral Service for Advent

By Taylor Scott Davis and Terry York

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra of
Mountain Reformed Church

Under the direction of Ryan Gastonguay, Minister of Music



Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

Pastor Joseph Place

L: Give thanks to the One who is coming to save us!

P: Hear the voice crying in the wilderness “Make straight the way of the Lord”

John 1:23

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Announcements

1. Small, Dancing Light

*See, light dances on a thin, vast horizon.
See, warmth shimmers on the cold edge of night.
All earth awakes in strange anticipation.
Darkness dispersed by a small, dancing light.
Light is dancing; hope, peace and love.
Warmth is spreading; peace love and joy.
Is there a word for this?!
There must be a word for this!
Yes, there's a word for this; the word is “dawn!”*

2. Red Leaves Fall

*Red leaves fall; can it be said the tree that loses leaves is dead?
The evergreen in that same scene says, “No, not, not at all.”
A redbird lands where leaves once grew; to ask, “Is this tree dead?”
Then falling snow says “No, no, no, in time all will be new.”
Is there a word for this when red leaves fall and redbirds call?
Yes, there's a simple word for this;
the word is “hope.”*

3. 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 street 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 wond'ring love.
O morning star, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear my hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

(Congregation, please stand and sing)

*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!*

(Congregation, please be seated)

4. One Silent Melody

Ed Roush, Tenor Soloist

*One straight path through teeming throngs,
one silent melody amid loud songs,
one small good surrounded by wrongs;
in this a child shall lead us.*

*One sure truth to measure claims,
One deep identity though many names,
one clear call 'midst meaningless games;
in this a child shall lead us.*

*Is there a word for this?
There must be a word for this.
Yes, there's a word for this.
The word is "peace."*

5. 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 host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

(Congregation, please stand and sing)

*Hail the heav'nborn Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

(Congregation, please be seated)

Advent Meditation

Pastor Joseph Place

6. Someday

*Someday fear will leave us. Someday strangers will be welcomed.
Someday differences will be a thing of beauty.
Someday we will open hearts and hands to counter hate. Someday.*

*Someday greed will leave us. Someday poverty will call us.
Someday people's pain will touch our hearts and hurt us.
Someday we will all know suffering to be our own. Someday.*

*Someday pride will leave us. Someday we'll embrace the world.
Someday we will live on earth, God's heav'nly kingdom.
Someday we'll allow the coming child to shape our hearts. Someday.*

*Is there a word, a word for this? Give us a word for this!
And a word moves t'ward our prayer; the word is "love."*

7. A Rising Fountain

We sense a fountain, a rising fountain, welling up in our hearts.

*We sense a stirring, a stubborn stirring, a sense that God will come among us,
God will live within us, will be there with us in the struggles of this life.*

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in the struggles of this life.*

*Is there a word for this, the rising fountain, the strange new knowing,
this welling up inside?*

Yes, there's a word for this! The word is "joy!"

8. Joy to the World!

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

(Congregation, please stand and sing)

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

(Congregation, please be seated)

9. In Bethlehem

*In Bethlehem a babe was born and God's love and God's Word became flesh.
Joy became flesh. Peace became flesh.
Hope. Peace. Love. Joy.
These words and God's Word became flesh,
And the baby's name was Jesus.*

COVID-19 Precautions

Mountain Reformed Church seeks to provide in-person worship while maintaining appropriate safety guidelines. According to CDC guidelines, it is recommended that you wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated for your own protection and the protection of others. Please continue to refrain from physical contact. If you are experiencing fever or symptoms, please stay at home.

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on the welcome card in your bulletin. Bonnie Pettit coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email. counselorchick1@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers in several areas to help facilitate worship:

If you would like to help, please let us know! We need Ushers, Liturgists, Coffee Fellowship Helpers, Setup Assistants, Sound Technicians and Camera Operators.

Flowers

Sheri Simpson coordinates our Flower Ministry. If you would like to commemorate a special occasion by providing flowers, please ask an usher to guide you to the flower sign-up chart.

Non-Profit Corporation Status

We are diligently working to get approval for non-profit, 501(c)(3) status. Until that time your gifts will not be tax deductible, but we need your support. We are making progress! Mountain Reformed Church is now active as a Non-Profit Corporation with the Arizona Corporation Commission. We now have an employee ID number and bank account. Our form and supporting documents for the 501(c)(3) has been filed with the IRS. **We recently received word that the IRS has assigned an agent to our application.** We hope to have good news to report soon! **Please make all checks payable to Mountain Reformed Church.**

11/28/2021 Worship Attendance: 50
Bank Balances as of 12/1/2021: \$18,575

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget	(reflects our current operating expenses, not all projected expenses)		
	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
Auditorium Rental	\$300.00	\$1300.00	\$15600.00
Choir Room (Civic Center 331)	\$30.00	\$130.00	\$1560.00
Internet Presence (Website, email, streaming license, etc.)	\$17.31	\$75.02	\$900.28
Video Editing	\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7800.00
Printing	\$60.00	\$260.00	\$3120.00
Licensing (Church Copyright License)	\$6.44	\$27.92	\$335.00
Music Expenses (choir music, congregational arrangements, ensemble music)	\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7800.00
Insurance	\$14.77	\$64.00	\$768.00
Joseph Place, Pastor of Worship	\$415.00	\$1800.00	\$21600.00
Ryan Gastonguay, Minister of Music	\$100.00	\$433.00	\$5200.00
Pianists/ Accompanists	\$200.00	\$867.00	\$10400.00
Total Expenses	\$1443.52	\$6256.94	\$75083.28