

## In Preparation for Worship

"It takes strength to remember that  
we are not alone,  
But the story starts with bone of bone and  
flesh of flesh.  
That feels like so long ago." – Sarah Are, "All in All"

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

## Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the "comments" on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at slpres.org.*

## The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Rohall Family

*Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected*

## Hymn #119\*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*\*Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

O Great Writer,  
With a sky full of stars and a world full of flowers, there should be no end to our joy.  
And yet, instead of decorating our very being with joy, we let it slip away like loose change.  
Instead of singing like Mary, or dancing like David,  
we pass by remarkable beauty and love most days, unfazed. Forgive us.  
Teach us the ways of children, who laugh and dance and sing  
as if joy is the very thing  
that keeps them alive.  
Maybe they have joy figured out.  
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

*We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the "comments" of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.*

## Prayer for Illumination

Jennie Burroughs

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 61:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

## Sermon

Those Who Dream, Sow Joy

Shannon Dill

## Musical Reflection

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Festival Ringers

## Affirmation of Faith

LiturgyLink, Submitted by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, PCUSA

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.  
For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.  
We wait for the coming of the One  
who is the fulfillment of God's promise,  
the fulfillment of hope,  
the declaration that we have been redeemed.  
Even so, we are not a naïve people.  
We know that the world in which we live  
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.  
We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.  
We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.  
But because we are an Advent people,  
we know that none of these things will win in the end.  
The Holy One is coming,  
to make holy once again  
all that was, is, and ever will be.  
And in our waiting and our hoping,  
we work and worship,  
pray and play,  
in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign  
in our lives and in our world,  
now and forever. Amen.

## Prayers of the People and 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.

## The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Hymn #129\*

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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## Benediction

## Response

Doxology

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three in One. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart as we glory in your presence giving from a grateful heart.

## Postlude

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending