

***Gloria Patri 581**

“Glory Be to the Father”

***The Charge**

Mark 12:28-31

Which commandment is the first of all?

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

And the second is this:

**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these.**

***Sung Benediction 95**

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God!

**Congregation: Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God!**

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God!**

***Postlude**

“Before the Marvel of This Night”

Marvel
Vakda/Schalk

*The Christmas Eve service will be held in Upper Anderson
beginning at 4:00 P.M. on December 24.*

*The congregation is invited to stand.

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**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 20, 2015, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Luke 1:49

“The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

Chimes of the Trinity

Ritual of Fellowship

Minutes for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering
SVCM Homeless Shelter

Voluntary

“The Holy Infant’s Lullaby”

Norman Dello Joio

Gayle B. Sawyer and Margaret Neale, piano duet

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 80:2-3, 7

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

Let your face shine, that we may be saved.

***Hymn 82**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Love

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, though we have heard Mary’s song,
we still seek security in pride and power and possessions.**

Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you.

We pass by those considered lowly in this world.

We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled.

Forgive us, we pray; help us to work for justice;

Make us messengers of peace; turn our apathy into acts of love. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison)

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Assurance of Pardon

Response (unison) 602

“Holy Lamb of God”

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2-5

***Hymn 107**

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

*Children who would like to continue with age-appropriate activities
may go with the Children’s Tabernacle greeter during the hymn.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-55

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

“Gesù Bambino”

Pietro A. Yon

Gayle Sawyer, soprano

The Sermon

“Magnificat”

Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (traditional)

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.

Hymn 92

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Bright Star (Light of the World)”

Norman Delo Joio

Gayle Sawyer and Margaret Neale, piano duet

***Doxology 607**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Christ all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit, evermore,

Praise Triune God Whom we adore. Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Westminster Confession of Faith

It pleased God, in God’s eternal purpose,

To choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, God’s only begotten Son,

To be the Mediator between God and humanity,

The prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of his Church,

The heir of all things, and judge of the world;

Unto whom God did, from all eternity, give a people to be his own,

And to be, by him, in time,

Redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity,

Being very and eternal God,

Did, when the fullness of time was come,

Take upon him the nature of humanity,

With all the essential properties

And common infirmities thereof; yet without sin:

Being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost,

In the womb of his mother Mary, of her substance;

So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures,

The Godhead and the humanity,

Were inseparably joined together in one person,

True God and true human, yet one Christ,

The only Mediator between God and humankind.