VILLAGES COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Prelude "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" Catherine Ellacer
Arr. Forrest & Wagner

Call to Worship "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Chapel Choir

Welcome & Announcements Larry Frediani

Lighting of The 2nd Advent Candle - The Candle of the Angels

Today we light the 2nd Advent candle - The Candle of the Angels. It was the angels who delivered the Good News of the birth of the Messiah to Mary, then to Joseph and finally to the shepherds who were watching their sheep. As far as they knew this would be another normal night in the hills. It wasn't! They were suddenly frightened by an angel who announced the birth of Christ the Lord. They even told the Shepherds the location where the child had been born - in a manger. Soon a large host appeared with the angel and together from the sky they praised God.

Lighting the 2nd Purple Candle.

Brooks Fuller

Reading: Luke 2: 13-14 Cindy Fuller

Congregation and Candle Lighters Pray:

Lord, help us to be like angelic messengers as we use the opportunities to tell others the angel's message. And because we have received this message, may we be thankful and take time out to praise you and to share the good news the angel's announced. Amen.

*Hymn "The First Noel" Congregation

*Silent Prayer

Anthem: "Still, Still, Still" Chapel Choir

Austrian carol arr. Norman Luboff

Morning Prayer Pastor Bill Hayden

*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" Congregation

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory "Gesu Bambino" Chris

Leisy

Sermon: "The Proclamation of His Arrival" Pastor Bill

Hayden

*Benediction "May God's Blessing Surround You Each Day"

Congregation

May God's blessing surround you each day,
As you trust Him and walk in His way.
May His presence guard and keep you from sin.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Postlude "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" Catherine Ellacer

Arr. Hayes & Wagner

*Please stand if able

SERMON TEXT

Luke 2:8-14 (NKJV)

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

10 Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Applications:

God uses lesser vessels to share the greatest honor.

We have been given the honor of sharing Jesus' love with others.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Sunday 10 Emil & Judy Pisarri Thursday 14 Helen Ducommun

Monday 11 Earl & Kathi Levin Friday 15 Irma Daily

Tuesday 12 Frank Bazzarre Saturday 16 Janet Stevenson

Wednesday 13 Gwen Nakagama

THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER Hal Hallock

USHERS / GREETERS Brooks & Cindy Fuller

Hal & Diana Hallock

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Carol Strong: "In Memory of Loved Ones."

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Preparation and Servers: Diana & Hal Hallock Cookies: Sue Herfurth, Carol Strong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Bill will be speaking.

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS DINNER: is tonight! See you all later.

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