

VILLAGES COMMUNITY CHAPEL

by: John Rutter

& Elyana

Prelude "Gabriel's Message" Catherine Ellacer
Arr. David Lasky

Ellacer

Call to Worship "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Chapel Choir

Sermon

"The Great Expectation Series"

Pastor Bill

Welcome & Announcements

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Hayden

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Part 1 - We've Got Good News

Lighting of The 3rd Advent Candle

Today we light the 3rd Advent Candle - The Candle of Shepherds. It wasn't just another "day at the office" for these shepherds on the night of our Lord's birth. The spectacular appearance of an angel and the brightness of the sky terrified the shepherds. They, like many others, were waiting for The Messiah - the Redeemer - to come - some day. After the heavenly messenger left and the sky returned to normal, the shepherds left their shepherding on the countryside and hurried off and found exactly what the angels had told them - a newborn King in a stable.

***Benediction**

"Love Has Come"

Congregation

Love has come - a light in the darkness! Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.

See all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises;

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Lighting of the 3rd purple candle

Denise Travis

Postlude

"Joy to the World"

Catherine

Ellacer

Arr. David Lanz

Reading: Luke 8: 15,16

Bill Travis

***Please stand if able**

SERMON TEXT

Congregation and Candle Lighters Pray:

Lord fill our journey to Christmas with the same excitement the shepherds experienced when they heard the Good News. Along the way, may we learn to look for you in our every day experience. We worship you, Emmanuel God with us.

Luke 2:15-20 (NKJV)

15 So it was when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

17 Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child.

18 And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told to them by the shepherds.

19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart.

20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

***Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Congregation

***Silent Prayer**

Anthem: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Chapel Choir
arr. Hawley Ades

Morning Prayer Pastor Bill Hayden

***Hymn** "Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming" Congregation

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

Offertory "Angel's Carol" Catherine, Calyn

Applications:

We are given good news to dispel the darkness and the feelings of sadness.

His joy is contagious and brings health to the body and soul.

questions.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Sunday	15	Helen Ducommun	Thursday	19	Joan Ender
Monday	16	Irma Daily Jennings	Friday	20	Marilynn
Tuesday	17	Janet Stevenson	Saturday	21	Marilyn McGrail
Wednesday	18	Jean Kingsbury			

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THANKS TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Hal Hallock

USHERS /GREETERS: Roberta Wolfe, Phil Robinson
Suzanne Fazzio, Anna Hewitt

ALTAR: Dee Willey, Bob Semple

OFFICE SUPPORT: Colleen Merendino, Margaret Orandi

WEB MANAGER: Bill Travis

THIS SUNDAY'S FLORAL ARRANGEMENT IS DONATED BY:

Coleen Merendino: *"In loving memory of my husband Alex."*

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE SERVICE:

Preparation and Servers: Brooks & Cindy Fuller

Cake: Pastor Bill & Gloria Hayden **Cookies:** Nancy Canepa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Bill Hayden will be speaking.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Is next Sunday, December 22nd, at 10am during our regular service.

POINSETTIERS: for Chapel & Home: We will use 6" potted poinsettias to decorate the chapel for December 22nd for our musical Christmas Celebration and then they go home with you! \$16 each, cash or check. See Diana with