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**CHRISTMAS SUNDAY**

**11:00 A.M. December 20, 2020**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT-***Sourp Adsvaz (vs. 1-3)*

*#143 “Krisdos I Mech Mer Haydnetsav”*

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #120 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Sovereign Lord, we continue to celebrate Advent as we remember the coming and the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is such a joy to know that you loved us so much that you came into this world to reconcile us back to you. We are forever thankful for your humility of becoming like one of us because you wanted to mend back the relationship that Adam and Eve lost in the Garden of Eden. You said the greatest two commandments is to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We pray that you help us love you and our neighbor every single day by being fully devoted to you and by being obedient to your Spirit. May the birth of Christ fill us all with the joy and love in all of us. Heavenly Father, we truly thank you for giving us the free gift of eternal life through Christ your Son. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray, “Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the* Son a*nd to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**RESPONSIVE READING*:***

**PASTOR:** This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart. Fill me with Your presence from the very start.

**PEOPLE: As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given,  
Remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.**

**PASTOR:** The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever.You came as a baby born in a manger.

**PEOPLE:** **Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree, waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love** **to me.**

**PASTOR:** Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth, When He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth.

**PEOPLE:** **Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night.  
And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light."**

**PASTOR:** "Do not be afraid," they said, to shepherds in the field. Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield. Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call. Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all.

**PEOPLE:** **Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice.  
Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise.**

**PASTOR:** Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush.  
In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush.

**PEOPLE:** **This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart.  
Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part.**

**PASTOR:** Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day.

**UNISON: Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:** *#138 “Angels We Have Heard on High”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *1st John 4:7-16 (p. 1902)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:  God’s Eternal Love for Us**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *1st John 4:17-21 (pp. 1902-1903)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: God’s Love made complete in us**

**\*HAYR MER *-*** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated***

**ACC WISHES YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FILL OUR LIVES WITH THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE, JOY AND LOVE.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US,** especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

**VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM** will be held on Thursday, December 24th, at 10:00 a.m. and it will only be available virtually through ACC website at accdetroit.org

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Artsakh and Armenia.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES** are available by the entrance of the church. Those of you who have made a pledge may pick up your envelopes after the Service. Pledge cards are available for those who have not yet made their pledge for 2021; you may obtain them from the Church Office.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
2. **Wednesday Bible Study** is being held every Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
3. We will continue to provide **online Sunday Service** while we meet in person via Facebook live streaming. It will be posted, so you can watch it over again. It will also be posted on our website/YouTube by next day, Monday.