



Matter Matters: The Strange Place

Micah 5:1-5; Matthew 12:1-12
(A Strange Way to Save the World #2)

At Christmas, Ultimate Good came to a small place. So, we are in the place where

Ultimate Things happen no matter where we are!

Notes:



Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, NV

December 8, 2024

A Strange Way to Save the World

Advent 2024

Dec. 1 - <i>Strange War to Wage</i>	Gen. 3:14-15; Rev.12:1-12
Dec. 8 - <i>Strange Place for a King</i>	Micah 5:1-5
Dec. 15 - <i>Strange Time for The Fullness</i>	Galatians 3:26-4:7
Dec. 22 - <i>Strange Cast for the Play</i>	Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 24 - <i>Strange Star of the Show</i>	Matthew 12:1-12

Service for The Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.
- Micah 5:2 (ESV)

We Gather in Just the Right Place to Worship God

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Greetings and Church Family News

***Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band
“This Is Amazing Grace”
“How Great Is Our God”
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Candle Lighting for the Second Sunday in Advent

The McNeely Family

Leader: Today we light the second candle of Advent. The first was the Prophecy Candle, and this one is called the Bethlehem Candle. Bethlehem was not a great city by worldly standards, yet that is where Jesus arrived.

People: *No place is greater than the place that offers the God of love a home. A little country town, a stable guest home, a manger bed... our cities and our homes and our churches... a humble human heart... No place is greater than the place that offers God a loving home.*

Leader: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel. (Micah5:2)

People: *How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given... So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven... O little town of Bethlehem... O meek souls who will receive him still... No place is greater!*

Children’s Prayer

Katie Guerrero

(Children preschool to early grade school excused to Children’s Church)

We Worship Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God With Us

Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri

Reception of Tithes & Offerings & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

Covenant Choir

“We Three Kings” – Hopkins/Leavitt

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God’s Word Tells Us Where We Are

***Hymn of Preparation** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #201

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:1-5 (p.778)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12 (p.807)

Message

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Pastor Jay

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We Go Forth into the World Where Ultimate Things Happen

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

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See, amid the Winter’s Snow (vv.1-2, 5-6)

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

* indicates to stand if you are able

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