





Leading Worship Today:

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Link to YouTube Christmas Eve Service video:

<https://youtu.be/qbT4ykQfMuI>

PRELUDE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
It Came upon the Midnight Clear
Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

*Paul Manz
Johannes Brahms
Kristina Langlois
Jacob Weber*

WELCOME

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you hear us when we call.

#84 CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT (v1)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The angel said, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

We light this candle as a sign of the light of Christ,
in whose coming we find our hope, peace, joy, and love.

The purple candles, the pink candle, and the white candle are lit...

SUNG RESPONSE

We Gather 'round

We gather 'round to worship the child.
Whose miraculous life helps us be
reconciled. Reconciled with God and
with each other, too. In his glory he
brings us a life that's renewed. The
candles glow, showing us God's light.
Calling us forward, united in Christ.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

**Great God, as you came at night when all was still, so enter our lives this night.
Illumine our paths with the light of Christ's presence, that we may take notice of
the way, the truth, and the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

#133 O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to
Bethlehem! Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!

Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Refrain

Refrain

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this
happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all
glory given; Word of the Father, now
in flesh appearing!

Refrain

HEBREW BIBLE READING

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

EPISTLE READING

Titus 2:11-14 (NRSV)

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

ANTHEM

Gloria in excelsis, deo

Vivaldi

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-20 (NRSV)

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which

the Lord has made known to us.”¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh—good news of great joy for all—so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian Entz

(We will receive the offering while singing this song.)

Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life.

To give online, please scan the QR code.



HYMN

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

#143 ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

2 Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

4 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

DOXOLOGY #606

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from
the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life
everlasting. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is good to give you thanks...

INTERCESSIONS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

During these extraordinary times where we cannot partake in The Lord's Supper in person around the same table, we acknowledge the continued power of the Spirit to bring us into Christ's gracious presence through the bread and cup as we remember our Lord's death and resurrection. We may not be gathered in person, but we are gathered in spirit and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. As led by the pastor take a piece of bread and eat it and then do the same with the cup following the pastor's lead. Where multiple people are partaking of the sacrament together please serve one another.

The Apostle's Creed

COMMUNION PRAYER

All: God of grace and peace, as you have shared your life with us through the child in the manger and this simple meal, let us share your life with others as the body of Christ in the world; through Jesus, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

#134 JOY TO THE WORLD

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

POSTLUDE

A minuit fut fait un reveil Jean-Francois Dandrieu
(“At Midnight There was an Awakening”)

Thank you to those providing poinsettias for the sanctuary!

- ★ Mary Coleman in Memory of husband and parents.
- ★ Larry and Barb Janski in Honor of grandchildren: Caelum, Hannah, and Mackenzie.
- ★ Charlie Wilkens in Memory of loved ones.
- ★ Linda Shebiel in Memory of loved ones.
- ★ Lavina and Larry Pattee in Memory of Keith Pattee.
- ★ Kevin Spike in Memory of Kathryn Spike.
- ★ Angela Khanai in Memory of Sarah Kanhai.
- ★ Theresa Bevilacqua and Delbert Vanderheiden in Memory of Samantha Pesaresi.

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Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,

The Latin original of this text for Advent dates from at least the 9th century, and the English version was created a millennium later as part of the 19th-century recovery of early Christian hymns. It is provided here with its traditional plainchant setting.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; as in *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 MUSIC: Sarum plainsong, Mode IV, 9th cent.; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011

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CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
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(alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you, hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

We Gather 'round

Christmas Eve
The Christ Candle

Voice 

We___ gath - er___ 'round to___ wor - ship the child

Whose mi - rac - u - lous life helps us be re - con - ciled.

Re-con - ciled_____ with____ God and with each oth - er, too.

In his glo - ry he brings us a life that's re - newed.

The can - dles glow, show - ing us God's light

Call - ing us for - ward, u - nit - ed in Christ.

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MUSIC: Anonymous, 1833

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um-phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn-ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!

got - ten, not cre - at - ed!

glo - ry in the high-est!

now in flesh ap - pear-ing!

O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let

us a-dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great de - desire of na - tions;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 you have seen his na - tal star: come and wor - ship,
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!



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Joy to the World

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, with a key signature of two sharps. The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff an alto clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes where they correspond to the melody.

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.