

First Christian Reformed Church
Christmas Day Service
10:00 A.M.

“Joy to the world! The Lord is come:”

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7 Read by Brad De Kok

- 1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.
- 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And everyone went to his own town to register.
- 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.
- 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.
- 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,
- 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

** Opening Carol: LUYH #92:1,2,4 “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.
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.

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* *Call to Worship:*

Pastor: He came as a baby in a manger.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: He came in a lowly stable.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: Shepherds brought their worship.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: Angels sang his praise.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: Magi brought their gifts.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Pastor: What shall we do?

People: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

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* *Carol: LUYH #76:1,3,4 "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

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

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

Refrain

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

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* *The Shepherds and the Angels: Luke 2:8-14 Read by Brad De Kok*

- 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields
nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.
- 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory
of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.
- 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you
good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
- 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

- 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."
13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

* *Carol: LUYH #80:1-3 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Refrain

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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* *God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other*

*Following the greeting the Christ Candle
Readers and Choir are invited forward.*

“Let earth receive her King.”

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Led by Thomas & Juliana LeClair

Leader: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God’s unending love and faithfulness.

**People: Jesus Christ is the brightest revelation of God’s love.
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, who being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

**People: but made himself nothing, taking the very nature
of a servant, being made in human likeness.**

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,

People: the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
—based on John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Colossians 1:15, NIV

Choir Anthem: “Hurry Hurry Yonder”

Hurry, hurry yonder, star is brightly shining.
Glory alleluia, glory hodie.
Shining on the baby, lying in a manger,
shining on the child born on Christmas day.
Come and sing his glory, tell the story.
Praise the baby Jesus, praise the tiny King.
Join in jubilation, shout your adoration.
Glory alleluia, hear the angels sing.
Hurry, hurry yonder, star is brightly shining.
Glory alleluia, glory hodie.
Shining on the baby, lying in a manger,
shining on the child born on Christmas day.
Behold the star that lights the road to Bethlehem.
With kings and shepherds, come to the babe in the manger.
Hurry, hurry, yonder.
Mother, father Joseph, gently they attend, attend the holy Child.
Enter now the stable, shepherds and the wise men
kneel before the child so undefiled.
Come and sing his glory, tell the story.
Praise the baby Jesus, praise the tiny King.
Join in jubilation, shout your adoration.
Glory alleluia, hear the angels sing.
Hurry, hurry yonder, star is brightly shining.
Glory alleluia, glory hodie.
Shining on the baby, lying in a manger,
shining on the child born on Christmas day.
Hurry, hurry yonder, hurry hurry yonder, to Bethlehem!

*Following the Choir anthem the children are invited
forward for the Children’s message*

Children’s Message: Marjo Rouw

* *Song of Preparation: LUYH #844:1-3,5 "Lift Up Your Hearts Unto the Lord"*

1. Lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
lift up your hearts unto the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
lift up your hearts unto the Lord!
2. In Christ the world has been redeemed,
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
in Christ the world has been redeemed.
3. His resurrection sets us free,
his resurrection sets us free.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia;
his resurrection sets us free.

Sing acapella

5. Sing alleluia to the Lord, Sing alleluia to the Lord.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia; Sing alleluia to the Lord.

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"Let every heart prepare him room,"

Scripture Readings: John 1:1-5, 14 (pg. 1049), Revelation 21:1-5 (pg.1216)

Read by Michelle & Melba De Kok

Brief Review of our Sermon Series

Prayer of Illumination

Message: "When Heaven Comes to Stay"

Sung Prayer of Application: "In the Bleak Midwinter" Sheri Link

1. In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.
2. Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
for the Lord god almighty, Jesus Christ.

Chorus

*Gloria, Gloria! Now my eyes have seen;
Soli Deo Gloria! He salvation brings.
As the Lord has promised, I may go in.*

3. What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part;
Yet what I can give Him: give my heart.

Chorus

*Gloria, Gloria! Now my eyes have seen;
Soli Deo Gloria! He salvation brings.
Gloria, Gloria! Now my eyes have seen;
Soli Deo Gloria! He salvation brings.
In the bleak mid-winter I may go in peace,
As the Lord has promised, I may go in peace.*

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“And heaven and nature sing.”

Offering: Love INC

* *Closing Hymn: LUYH #84 “Ere zij God”*

Dutch

Ere zij God! Ere zij God in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen.
Ere zij God in den hoge! Ere zij God in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen,
in de mensen, een welbehagen, een welbehagen.
Ere zij God! Ere zij God in den hoge,
in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen.
Amen. Amen.

English

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,
in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people whom God delights in.
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people, to the people whom God delights in,
to the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.
Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,
in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people whom God delights in. Amen. Amen.

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* *Benediction*

* *Parting Praise: “Alleluia, He is Coming” v. 1,3,4,5*

1. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming down the road.
Alleluia; He is coming. Alleluia He is here.
Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.

3. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-dying for my sins.
Alleluia He is coming. Alleluia He is coming.
Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.
4. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-rising from the grave.
Alleluia He is risen. Alleluia He's alive.
Alleluia, He is risen. Alleluia, He's alive.
5. I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming on the clouds.
I looked up and I saw my Lord a-coming on the clouds.
Alleluia; He is coming. Alleluia He is here.
Alleluia, He is coming. Alleluia, He is here.
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**Postlude*

**Please stand if you are able.*