

God's Word Gives Our Lives Direction



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Worship Services
10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Church School: 9:30 AM
September—May



Merry Christmas!

December 25, 2020

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Christmas Morning Worship
December 25, 2020 – 10:00 AM

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord. -Luke 2:11*

“Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;”

Prelude

Opening Carol: “Wexford Carol” – Elaine Hagenberg

Welcome and Announcements

** Call to Worship*

Leader: He came as a baby in a manger.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: He came in a lowly stable.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: Shepherds brought their worship.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: Angels sang his praise.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: Magi brought their gifts.

People: O come, let us adore him.

Leader: What shall we do?

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

** Opening Carol: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” - King’s College*

The Birth of Jesus: Luke 2:1-7

¹In 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.) ³And everyone went to his own

town to register. ⁴So 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. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and 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."

Carol: "Joy to the World" - Soundiva Classical Choir

"Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Advent Candle Reading

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration

The Shepherds and the Angels: Luke 2:8-14

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: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" - Chris Tomlin

The Shepherds Make Their Way to the Manger: Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told

them about this child,¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Song of Preparation: "Mary, Did You Know?"

"Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;"

Prayer of Illumination

Christmas Meditation – "Mary Pondered Them in Her Heart"

Time of Prayer

Song of Reflection: "Holy is Your Name"

"With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Closing Prayer

* *Benediction:*

Leader: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

People: **O Lord, give us peace.**

Leader: Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew your hope.

People: **O Lord, give us hope.**

Leader: Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

People: **O Lord, give us joy.**

Leader: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

* *Parting Praise: "Ere Zig God"*

Postlude

Welcome: As Christians around the world rejoice in Christ's birth, we **welcome** you to worship. God revealed his great love for us by sending Jesus to earth to save us.