



# **Mount Vernon First CRC - Candlelight Service**

## **December 18, 2022 – 6:30 PM**

### **Enter the Songs**

Throughout the Advent Season we've been making our way through the "Songs of Christmas" found in the early chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Tonight's OT readings will be read from the balcony for the purpose of 'hearing things from the past.' The New Testament passages will be read from the front of the church. The majority of the service will proceed 'unannounced.' Please note that the words to each song are printed in your bulletins, but will also be up on the screen. In addition, please make sure you have a candle to be used at the end of the service.

### **We Gather to be Amazed**

Prelude

Opening Song Video *"One Still Night"*

Welcome

\* Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:4-6)

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

\* God's Greeting

\* Gathering Carol: LUYH #76 v. 1-3 *"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!*

2. God of God, Light of Light eternal,  
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;

*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*

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admin. Hope Publishing Company; CCLI #678905

*(During the singing of the 3rd verse the choir is invited forward)*

Choir Song: “O Come, All You Unfaithful” by Sovereign Grace

*(At the end of the song the Sunday School children are invited  
forward to join the choir)*

Ministry of Music:

1. “Come to the Manger/Away in the Manger”  
– Sunday School & Choir
2. Sunday School Song - Happy Birthday Jesus:

*(Following the conclusion of the song the children will return to their seats  
and the 3 Narrators will make their way forward)*

Narrative Reading

## **God's Mighty Deeds**

### **The Song of Mary**

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:39-56

Carol: LUYH #383 v. 1-5 “My Spirit Glorifies the Lord”

1. My spirit glorifies the Lord;  
in God my Savior I rejoice,  
for he beheld my humble state  
and in his love made me his choice.
2. All generations from now on  
shall call me blest and spread my fame,  
for he has done great things for me—  
mighty and holy is his name.

3. His mercy shall extend to those  
who fear the Lord from age to age;  
he has revealed his mighty arm,  
scattering the proud in all their rage.
4. He brought down rulers from their thrones,  
but lifted those of low degree.  
He filled the hungry with good things,  
but empty sent the rich away.
5. He helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful,  
keeping his word to Abraham  
and to his seed forevermore.

Words: Luke 1:46-55; vers. Dewey Westra, 1931; rev. *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987, ©  
1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources; CCLI #678905

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 54:1, 4a, 5, 8

Carol: LUYH #78 v. 1,2,4 *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*

1. Of the Father’s love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega—  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore.
2. O that birth forever blessed,  
when a virgin, blest with grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Savior of our race;  
and the babe, the world’s Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.
- 4 Let the heights of heaven adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing:  
powers, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413); tr. Composite, P.D.  
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## **Providing the Freedom to Serve**

### **The Song of Zechariah (Jesus)**

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:67-75

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-5

\* Carol: LUYH #60 v. 1,3,4

*“Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”*

1. Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
the Savior promised long!  
Let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song.
2. He comes the prisoners to release,  
in Satan’s bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst,  
the iron fetters yield.
3. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
the wounded soul to cure,  
and with the treasures of his grace to  
enrich the humbled poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heaven’s eternal arches ring  
with your beloved name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1735); based on Isaiah 61:1-2, P.D.

## **Preparing the Way of the Lord**

### **The Song of Zechariah (John)**

New Testament Lesson: Luke 1:67, 76-80

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-5

Ministry of Music: *“Soon and Very Soon”* - Men’s quartet

## **God's Global Salvation Story**

### **The Song of Simeon**

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:25-33

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1, 5-8a

Carol: LUYH #61 v. 1,2,4,7 *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go.

*Refrain*

4. O come, thou branch of Jesse’s stem,  
unto thine own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o’er the grave.

*Refrain*

7. O come, desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of peace.

*Refrain*

Words: Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. Composite, P.D.;  
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## **Peace on Earth**

### **The Song of the Angels**

New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:1-14

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 and 42:10, 11b-12a

\* Carol: LUYH #82 v. 1-3 *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o’er the plains  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song?

*Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

*Words: French, 18th c.; tr. Crown of Jesus Music, 1862, alt., P.D.: Music: French, 18th c. P.D; CCLI #678905*

Offering; Neighbors In Need

Offertory Video: *"To Thee My Heart I Offer"* – Elaine Hagenburg

*(Following the offering the Choir members  
are invited to make their way forward)*

## **The Joy of the Redeemed**

### **The Song of the Shepherds**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 12:4-6

- \* Carol of Response: LUYH #93 v. 1-3 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

*Refrain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.*

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

2. The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

*Refrain*

3. Down in a lowly stable  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

*Refrain*

Words: African American spiritual, 19th c., P.D.;  
Music: African American Spiritual, 19<sup>th</sup> c.; arr. ©2012  
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*(As the candle lighters come down the aisle, please turn your candle to light it from one already lit. Please keep your candles upright and the light will then be spread throughout our church family.)*

\* New Testament Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

\* Choir/Congregation: *"Peace, Peace"* with *"Silent Night! Holy Night"*

**Choir:**

Peace, peace, peace on earth and goodwill to all.  
This is a time of Joy. This is a time for Love.  
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

**Congregation: *"Silent Night"***

Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright  
'Round you virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Postlude: *"Heaven Has Come to Us" – Sovereign Grace*

*\*Please extinguish your candle before departing  
and have a Merry Christmas!*



**Organist:** Sylvia Van Zanten

**Pianist:** Marjo Rouw

**Praise Team:** Henry Van Zanten, Jr, Pam Van Zanten,  
Sylvia Van Zanten

**Vocalists:** Sheri Link & Bob DeGroot

**Choir Pianist:** Jill Klunder

**Choir Director:** Joni Beezhold

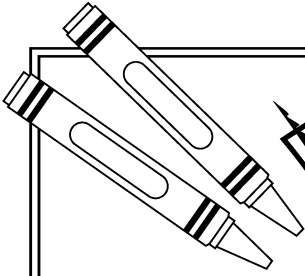
**Candle Lighters:** Maddie Dykstra, Adriana & Tessa Speck,  
Emmalynn Stevens

**Sunday School Music Director:** Tim Van Hofwegen

**Sound System:** Tim Hibma

**Projection:** Tim Hibma

**Video:** France K.



# PUZZLE

## A Child is Born

Jesus received many different names — even before he was born. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) prophesies about four of these names.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the name tags below. (Hint: The first letter is capitalized.)

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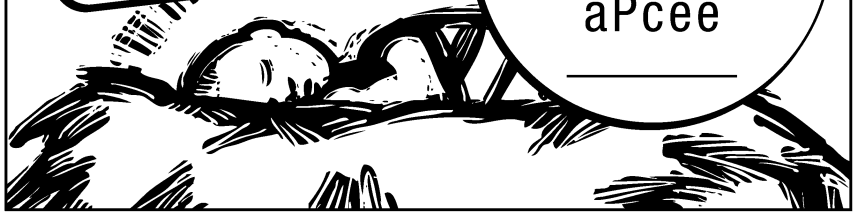
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Answers: Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace