

Christmas Morning Worship

December 25, 2024 – 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

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Leader: All God's people – Boys and girls, women, men:

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels;

People: O come, let us adore him!

Leader: All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort.

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

* Opening Carol: LUYH #76 v. 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 Birth of Jesus: *Luke 2:1-7*

* Carol: LUYH #92 v. 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.

Psalm 98; Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), 1719, P.D;
Music: Lowell Mason, 1948, P.D. CCLI #678905

* God’s Greeting

* We Greet Each Other

(During the mutual greeting those lighting the Advent candle are invited forward)

*“Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”*

Advent Candle Reading:

Reader #1: The Advent wreath is a circle
with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God’s unending love
and faithfulness.

Reader #2: The shepherds were the first to hear
the joyful announcement of Christ’s birth—
the good news of great joy for all the people.

Reader #1: Upon seeing the baby Jesus, the shepherds spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed.

Reader #2: We have also heard this wonderful news. We welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

Reader #1: Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him.

Reader: #2: And we are filled with an expressible and glorious joy.

—based on Luke 2:10, 17-18; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:8, NIV

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Prayer of Adoration

The Shepherds and the Angels: Luke 2:8-20

* Carol: LUYH #81 v. 1-3 *“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”*

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:

Refrain

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!*

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great desire of nations;
you have seen his natal star:

Refrain

Words: James Montgomery, 1816, alt., P.D.; Music: Henry Smart, 1867, P.D.

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Offertory

(Following the offertory the children are invited forward for the Children's Message)

Children's Message – Mrs. Marjo Rouw

*(Following the message children ages 3 – 3rd grade
are excused for Children and Worship)*

* Song of Preparation: *Sing! #109* v. 1-3 *"Meekness and Majesty"*

1. Meekness and majesty, manhood and Deity
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

Refrain:

*Oh, what a mystery-meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

2. Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross,
suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice,
and, as they crucify, prays, "Father, forgive."

Refrain

*Oh, what a mystery-meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God.*

3. Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
Love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

Refrain

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

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:15-23

Brief Review of our Advent Series

Prayer of Illumination

Christmas Meditation – “The Results of the Gift”

Time of Prayer

* Hymn of Application: LUYH #80 v. 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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William H. Cummings, 1856, P.D.; CCLI: 678905

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

Closing Prayer

* Benediction:

The joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the Magi,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the **peace** of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

* Parting Praise: LUYH #84 "Ere Zig God"

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.

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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Postlude

Christmas Welcome! We joyfully greet our members and their loved ones and all our visitors on this Christmas Day! We remember together, with awe and gratitude, how God shone his light into our darkness on that first Christmas. We pray that we may be bearers of his light to all who languish in the darkness of poverty, illness and fear. May we share with them the light that shines from the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.