



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion

Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning
the way you feel comfortable.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!

Everybody Is Somebody Here

PRELUDE

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING:

For you who are filled to the brim with happiness,
Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, is born.

For you who are mourning the loss of family and friends,
Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, is born.

For you who feel like you are tripping about in darkness,
Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, is born.

For you who rest in gratitude and contentment,
Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, is born.

For you who feel the ache of loneliness,
Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, is born.

For you who are surrounded by unlikely yet beautiful companionship,
Jesus Christ, the hope of the world, is born.

Come, let us worship the birth of our Savior!

Come, let us worship God who came to dwell among us!

GATHERING HYMN

“Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold him born the king of angels:

REFRAIN:

Oh, come, let us adore him, Oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,

Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! REFRAIN

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God in the highest: REFRAIN

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

REFRAIN

*Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. REFRAIN*

FIRST READING

Luke 2:1-7

The Gospel of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there*

CHILDRENS TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lo How a Rose”

SECOND READING

Luke 2:8-20

The Gospel of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

Pastor Brent Erler

HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of his heav’n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord, in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

The INCARNATION STORY

HYMN OF LIGHT

“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!”

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

Repeat First Verse

BLESSING

PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

○ God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING HYMN:

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

REFRAIN

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

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

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. REFRAIN*

*Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. REFRAIN*

SENDING/POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for Christmas Eve worship.

Please join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM as we worship throughout the year.

Serving Today

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Musicians

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and

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