

ORDER OF WORSHIP DECEMBER 1, 2024

When the musical prelude begins, the congregation is invited to spend time preparing their hearts for corporate worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67:3-5, 7

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

- People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
- Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: Let all the ends of the earth fear him!

HYMN OF PRAISE

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;

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"Chorus

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O Come All Ye Faithful

3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;Jesus, to Thee be all glory given:Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;ChorusO come, let us adore Him,Christ, the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Evelyn Amelia Joshua

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, from age to age. Amen, amen.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

COLLECTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

HMYN OF AFFIRMATION

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 th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see
Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

3. 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 man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King."

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SCRIPTURE READING

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

SERMON "Light of Light"

- Rev. Bryan Rigg

SERMON NOTES Sunday, December 1, 2024 | Bryan Rigg "Light of Light" | Isaiah 9:1-7

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

 Come Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free.
 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation; Hope of all the saints Thou art.
 Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart!

2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high appear.Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse;Of thy birth we long to hear!O'er the hills the angels singingNews, Glad tidings of a birth."Go to him, your praises bringing;Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

3. Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall.
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all!

4. Born Thy people to deliver,Born a child and yet a King,Born to reign in us forever,Now Thy gracious kingdom bring!By Thine own eternal SpiritRule in all our hearts alone.By Thine all-sufficient meritRaise us to Thy glorious throne!

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 What Child is this who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping;
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
 While shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
 Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
 The Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and cattle are feeding? Good Christian fear, for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.

What Child Is This

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come peasant king to own Him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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O Holy Night

 0 holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
 Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angels' voices!
 0 night divine, 0 night when Christ was born;
 0 night divine, 0 night, 0 night divine.

2. Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger;
In all our trials born to be our friend.
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger,
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before Him lowly bend!

3. Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! Oh praise His name forever,
His power and glory evermore proclaim
His power and glory evermore proclaim

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

POSTLUDE