

**NOW THE WORLD WITH JOY IS SINGING**

by Bryan Jeffery Leech

Now the world with joy is singing of the Saviour's wondrous birth  
For His coming to the stable gave a brightness to the earth.  
For His joy, it keeps on spreading to the world's remotest parts,  
For His peace it keeps on growing in the soil of human hearts.

Now the world with joy is singing to recall that night of nights  
When those shy and simple shepherds came upon that awesome sight.  
For among the drowsy cattle, lying on a bed of straw,  
There they found the great Messiah, Him whom none had seen before.

Sing your songs to God the Father, give your love to Christ the Son,  
Praise them, with the Holy Spirit, for the wonder once begun.  
God was here and lived among us, fully human, yet divine.  
Ris'n ascended, now He rules us, crowned within your heart and mine.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAK**

Please note there will be NO Son Seekers, Youth Sunday School or Adult Bible Discussion class on Sunday, December 30. All classes will resume the following Sunday, January 6.

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL SING REQUEST**

Next Sunday, please plan to arrive early for a Christmas carol request sing at 10:20 before the service!

**GIFT FOR ASMAA & AHMED'S BABY**

The Syrian refugee family we sponsored almost two years ago is now expecting a baby (January 13). While Eileen Kroeker was visiting with Asmaa recently, she indicated she had nothing for the baby as yet. In conversation with Wilma, Art, and Linda it was agreed to offer GBC congregants the opportunity to give money for purchasing baby supplies for them. If you would like to join in with helping them in this way you can give your gift to either Wilma or Eileen on Sunday the 16th or the 23rd.



**Welcome to Worship at Grace Bible Church**

*...for by grace you are saved... Ephesians 2:8*

Order of Service December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent – JOY

**Preludes**

Glory to God in the Highest Pergolesi  
Sing We All and Rejoice! Bach

**Welcome**

**Advent Call to Worship** (please see bulletin)

**Our Response - Hymn #126**

O Come, Let Us Adore Him (verses 1-3) (ADESTE FIDELES)

**Choir** Glory to God in the Highest Bach/Larkin

**Kids' Corner – Lighting of the Candle of Joy** Dale Murphy

**Hymn #34** Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart (MARION)

**Unison Scripture Reading** Psalm 100 (Hymnbook #406)

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation response: Thanks be to God.*

**Choir** A Christmas Carillion Wells

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Hymn #337**

When the King Shall Come Again (TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM)

(Please rise for the final stanza as the children leave for Sunday School)

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 150 Page 480

*Reader: The Word of the Lord. Congregation response: Thanks be to God.*

**Solo** Sussex Carol Willcocks

**Prayers of the People** Cathy and Brian Kozier Wilma Wiens  
Crisis Pregnancy Centre

*Leader: Lord in your mercy. Congregation Response: Hear our prayer.  
(Youth leave for Sunday School)*

**Meditation** Choose Joy Chelsey Hiebert

**Hymn** Now the World with Joy is Singing (ODE TO JOY)

**Benediction**

**Postlude** Christ is Coming! Manz

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Worship Leader Belinda Knopf  
Minister of Pastoral and Spiritual Care Wilma Wiens  
Minister of Music Margot Sim  
Scripture Readers Belinda Knopf, Linda Enns  
Soloist Ken Penner  
Candle Lighters Justine and Chad Gillert

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### Upcoming

Next Sunday, December 23 is the fourth Sunday of Advent : Love. We will hear from Sara Kreindler on “Filled with the Fullness of God’s Love”, with scriptures from Psalm 107:1-9 and John 4:7-21.

### Calendar at a Glance

December 16 Pageant Ensemble Rehearsal 6:15pm  
December 16 Christmas Pageant – 7pm  
December 23 Congregational Carol Sing Requests – 10:20-10:35am  
December 24 Christmas Eve Communion Service – 6pm  
December 30 Christmas Sunday  
January 6 Communion Sunday

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

LEADER: Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We will relight the candles of Hope and Peace and then light the candle of Joy.

**ALL: The pink Joy candle reminds us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that the child born to her would be the Saviour.**

LEADER: Hear the Good News from the Gospel of Luke: “Do not be afraid. I am bringing you news of great joy for all people. For to you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

**ALL: And the angels sang for joy: “Glory to God in the highest”.**

LEADER: Jesus said: “If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.”

**ALL: Come, thou long-expected Jesus! Hope of all the earth thou art. Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**

LEADER: Let’s pray together.

**ALL: Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that you created us with the capacity for joy. Show us your hope, send us your peace, and teach us your joy. May we do our part to bring your good news of great joy to all. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, so that we may walk in the light of Christ. AMEN**

Thank you for joining us this morning. If you would like to know more about who we are, we invite you to check out our website, [www.gracebiblechurch.ca](http://www.gracebiblechurch.ca)