



Christmas Eve Worship  
December 24, 2021 — 3:00 pm Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3

*May our Lord be with you! The wait is nearly over! We are glad you are here to worship the Lord of lords and Prince of Peace this Christmas Eve. Because God loved this world, He sent His Son, born of the virgin Mary, to save us from sin and death. May the Peace of God guard your heart and mind in the Jesus the Savior.*

Welcome

Decoding Christmas

Lighting Of The Christ Candle

Please join us in this call and response:

L: A child has been born for us!

**A: Now we walk in God's light, because the heavens have opened and joy has come!**

L: The Prince of Peace has come to us!

**A: Soon the wars will cease and the warriors will find rest.**

L: From this time onward, justice is established!

**A: Now our burdens are eased, now the harvest has ripened, now righteousness is established!**

L: The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this!

Christmas Conversation:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Jesus said, "Watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with the cares of this life and my coming spring on you suddenly like a trap."

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

P: Stay awake at all times, praying for strength.

**C: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.**

P: The Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**C: He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones.**

P: The virgin Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger...

**C: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.**

P: You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

**C: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!**

P: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Prayer of the Day

Opening 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

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

Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord

Sing, choir of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing, all ye citizens  
Of heaven above  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest

Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus, to Thee  
Be all glory given

Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Oh, come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

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Old Testament Lesson: Micah 5:2-5

*"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace."*

New Testament Lesson: Titus 2:11-15

*"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority."*

Children's Message

Christmas Hymn: **"Go Tell It On The Mountain"**

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

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

God tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

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#### Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:2-21

*"This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

*And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!'*

*When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."*

#### Scripture Closing

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

Hymn: ***“The First Noel”***

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay  
Keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter’s night  
That was so deep

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east  
Beyond them far  
And to the earth  
It gave great light  
And so it continued  
Both day and night

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

And by the light  
Of that same star  
Three wise men came  
From country far  
To seek for a king  
Was their intent  
And to follow the star  
Wherever it went

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

This star drew nigh  
To the northwest  
O’er Bethlehem  
It took its rest  
And there it did  
Both stop and stay  
Right over the place  
Where Jesus lay

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in  
Those wise men three  
Full rev'rently upon their knee  
And offered there in His presence  
Their gold and myrrh  
And frankincense

Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

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Confession and Absolution:

P: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

**C: We worship and bow down and give thanks. We worship Emmanuel: God with us.**

P: Merciful Father, we confess our sinfulness, plead for your forgiveness, and wait for your mercy and grace.

**C: Lord, I am tired of the struggle of sin in my life.**

**My own choices lead me to wrong places.**

**I have listened to fear instead of your Word.**

**I have not loved you without exception.**

**I have not loved others as I have loved myself.**

**I confess my desperate need for you.**

**I confess my iniquity and my sin.**

**Lord, create a clean heart in me.**

**Bind me up in your love. Heal my wounds.**

**Guard my heart and mind by your peace.**

**Pour your love into my hearts by your Spirit.**

P: Listen and know this truth—When the perfect time had come, God sent his Son Jesus, born of Mary, to redeem us, so that we may be adopted as sons and daughters. God your Father redeems you and restores you. God our Father loves you. In the name of Jesus the Prince of Peace, you are forgiven and free.

**C: Amen!**

The Words Of Institution

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.**

Communion

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn: ***“Joy To The World”***

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

Joy to the world  
The Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins  
And sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found

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 and wonders of His love

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**Christmas!**