



Christmas Eve Worship
December 24, 2021 — 7:00 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

Christmas Song: ***“O Come All Ye Faithful/We Adore You”***

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

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exaltation
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
Glory in the highest

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

We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus
We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus

We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus
We adore You, we adore You
We adore You, Jesus

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Christmas Song: ***“Go Tell It On The Mountain”***

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born
While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night

All throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Down in the lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
God sent our salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

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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

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!

Sermon — *The Wait* Pastor Timothy Sternberg

Song: ***"Hark! The Herald Angels (King Of Heaven)"***

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinner reconciled

Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son 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

King of heaven, come down
King of heaven, come now
Let Your glory reign
Shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven, rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name
King of heaven come

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb

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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King of heaven, come now
Let Your glory reign
Shining like the day
King of heaven come
King of heaven, rise up
Who can stand against us
You are strong to save
In Your mighty name
King of heaven come

King of heaven come, King of heaven come
King of heaven come, King of heaven come

King of heaven come down
King of heaven come now
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day
King of heaven come

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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

Candle Lighting — "Let your light shine before others." (Matthew 5:16)

Christmas Song: **"Silent 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 Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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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 Song: ***"Gloria (Angels We Have Heard On High)"***

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria, in excelsis deo
Gloria, in excelsis deo

Gloria, Gloria

Gloria, Gloria
Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria, in excelsis deo
Gloria, in excelsis deo

Gloria, Gloria
Gloria, Gloria

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Thank you to the following people for today's service:

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Merry
Christmas!