

READING

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

*CAROL # 145 *What Child Is This* verses 1, 3
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 song of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, one and all, 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, you, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

How Great Our Joy Anne Krentz Organ
Covenant Ringers

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A Joyous Christmas Medley Lani Smith
Piano and Organ Duet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Elder Janna Simon
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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CAROL # 140 *Once in Royal David's City* verses 1, 2
Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

READING Philippians 2: 5-11

Pat-a-Pan Noel arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
Chancel Choir

*CAROL # 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* All verses
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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Refrain: Hark! The Herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Refrain

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard On High* Christopher Uehlein



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**Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!**

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Joy Offering

Elder Jim Taylor

PRELUDE

People, Look East

Dale Wood

*GATHERING OF OUR HEARTS

Rev. Jana Light Creighton/Elder Janna Simon

One: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

All: The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

One: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

One: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. Let us worship the coming King!

(Adapted from Psalm 98:1-6)

*CAROL # 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Great One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. Refrain: O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. Refrain.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace, and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing. Refrain.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Elder Janna Simon

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, it was with joy that you brought us into being. You created the world and called it good. And yet we have done so much to quell that goodness: we have fought with one another and failed to live in peace; we have shut out the stranger and disparaged the immigrant; we have ignored the needy and judged the poor; we have fallen short of your command to be the Beloved Community. Forgive us, Merciful God, and bring us back to the joy we find in you. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The prophet Zephaniah reminds us of these truths: that God rejoices over us with gladness, that God renews us in love, and that God will exult over us with loud singing. Friends, I announce to you, in the name of Jesus Christ: Our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Elders Greg and Melanie Mixon

CAROL # 88

O Come O come Emmanuel

Verse 1, 2, 3

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to they tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and aw. Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

READING

Isaiah 40: 3-5; 9-11

Prepare Ye!
Chancel Choir

Karin Thomas Shovic

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Dempster

We invite children ages 4k - 4th grade to sit in the "Children's Corner" after the "Children's Message." One Adult will be sitting with the children, and age appropriate activities will be provided for children that go along with worship. Parents will pick up their children after the service.

READING

Luke 1:26-38

Lo, How a Rose
Piano & Organ Duet

Lani Smith

READING

Luke 1:46-55

*CAROL # 121

O Little Town of Bethlehem

verses 1, 2, 4

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 wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Night of the Father's Love
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

READING

Luke 2: 1-6

*CAROL # 115

Away in a Manger

All verses

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.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes, I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

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

Still, Still, Still
Covenant Ringers

Anne Krentz Organ

READING

Luke 2: 8-24

*CAROL # 118

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

verses 1, 2, 3, 6

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind: "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and humankind, to you and humankind."

"To you, in David's town this day, is born of David's line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:

"All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease, begin and never cease!"

Come, Lord of Love
Chancel Choir

arr. Page & Shafferman