

**5pm Order of Worship**  
December 24th 2021 ~ Christmas Eve

**Prelude: Christmas Carol Sing-along**

[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

Then entered in those wise men  
three  
Full rev'rently upon the 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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[Away In A Manger](#)

Away in a manger no crib for a 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 Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes

I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'til 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

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## Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

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 wonders of His love

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## ***It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*** String Quartet

## As With Gladness

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold  
As with joy they hailed its light  
Leading onward beaming bright  
So most gracious Lord may we  
Evermore your splendour see

As they offered gifts most rare  
At your cradle plain and bare  
So may we with holy joy  
Pure and free from sin's alloy  
All our costliest treasures bring  
Christ to you our heavenly king

In the heavenly country bright  
Need they no created light  
You its light its joy its crown  
You its sun which goes not down  
There for ever may we sing  
Alleluias to our king

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## O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

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## [Hark! The Herald Angels Sing](#)

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 hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored

Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the 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

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 we no more may die  
Born to raise us from the earth  
Born to give us second birth  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

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*What Child Is This*  
String Quartet

## Welcome

## Opening of Worship

*Miracle of Love*  
Chris Tomlin

## Christmas Eve Prayer

Dear Lord, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men. May Christmas morning make us happy to be Your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, joyful hearts forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen. (Adapted from Robert Louis Stevenson)

## Opening Hymn

### [O Come, All Ye Faithful](#)

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  
Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

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 exultation  
O sing all ye bright  
Hosts of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
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

## Scripture Reading

Peyton Aanonsen, Reader

### **Luke 1:46-56; 2:1-7**

#### **NRSV**

46 Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. 50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. 52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

1 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 All went to their own towns to be registered. 4 Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. 5 He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Christmas Eve Message

Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

## Pastoral Prayer

### 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Offertory

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / We Three Kings*  
BareNaked Ladies

## Lighting of the Candles

Please keep the lighted candle upright and tip the unlighted candle. The candles are extinguished after the hymn.

## Closing Hymn

### [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

Silent night holy night  
Wondrous star lend thy light  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born

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## Closing Prayer

We rejoice in the steadfast presence of Jesus Christ, born of Mary, growing through childhood into adulthood, in all His life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; His voice undimmed by the centuries; His call and His promise as clear to us as it was to His disciples so long ago. Come to us, Lord Jesus, Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of Your life be kindled in us, And lead us to the shining truth of God with us, God for us, God in us. **Amen.**

## Christmas Eve Blessing

### Postlude

*Carol of the Bells*  
String Quartet

**Our love in action now begins...**

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This evening's Special Music is brought to you by

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