

Order of Worship
December 18th 2022 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn

How Great Our Joy
RH #269

Verse 1

While by the sheep we watched at
night
Glad tidings brought an angel
bright

Chorus

How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high)

Verse 2

There shall be born so he did say
In Bethlehem a Child today

Chorus

How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high)

Verse 3

There shall the Child lie in a stall
This Child who shall redeem us all

Chorus

How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)

Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high)

Verse 4

This gift of God we'll cherish well
That ever joy our hearts shall fill

Chorus

How great our joy (great our joy)
Joy joy joy (joy joy joy)
Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high
(Praise we the Lord in heaven on
high)

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Gathering Prayer

Special Music

Immanuel
Michael Card

Scripture Reading

Marie Kelly, reader

Luke 2:1-7

The Message

1-5 About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

6-7 While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the hostel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Childlike Faith

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Robert de Wetter & Associate Pastor, Rev. Charla Belinski

Offertory

Communion

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.

Closing Hymn

In The Bleak Midwinter

WS #136

Verse 1

In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen snow on snow
Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago

Verse 2

Our God heav'n cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain

Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ

Verse 3

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air
But His mother only

In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss

Verse 4

What can I give Him
Poor as I am
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him
Give my heart

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Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begin

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by,
Michael Schoepe & Paul Dankers.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Greeters: Deb or John Johnston, Cecy Rios, Randy
Woods, Jeannie Woods

Scripture Reader: Shafer Aanonson & Marie Kelly

Altar: Judi Loubier & Sharon Hall