

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

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Striegler Family

Jesus, May the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you Jesus. Amen.

Call to Worship

Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

for great is the Holy One in our midst,

blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

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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Opening Prayer

God of birth, God of light, in this time of song and prayer and silence, reawaken in us the awe of Christmas. As we hear again the story of a young woman and a surprising visitor, remind us that we are called to respond to you in unexpected ways. And when we leave this place, may we be willing to sing praises for a young woman who said YES and the birth that we prepare to celebrate.

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Shafer Aanonson, 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.

Children's Christmas Pageant

O Holy Night

Verse 1

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Chorus 1

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

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Away In A Manger (Cradle Song)

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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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The First Noel

Verse 1

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

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
 Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

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

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
 Born is the King of Israel

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*Angels We Have Heard On High (Gloria)***Verse 1**

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

Chorus

Gloria
 In excelsis Deo
 Gloria
 In excelsis Deo

Verse 3

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

Chorus

Gloria
 In excelsis Deo
 Gloria
 In excelsis Deo

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*We Three Kings (Kings Of Orient)***Verse 1**

We three kings of Orient are
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain moor and mountain
 Following yonder star

Chorus

O star of wonder star of night
 Star with royal beauty bright
 Westward leading still proceeding
 Guide us to Thy perfect light

Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise
 King and God and sacrifice
 Alleluia alleluia
 Peals through the earth and skies

Chorus

O star of wonder star of night
 Star with royal beauty bright
 Westward leading still proceeding
 Guide us to Thy perfect light

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Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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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*Go Tell It On The Mountain***Chorus**

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

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

Go tell it on the mountain
 That Jesus Christ is born

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their
 watching
 O'er silent flocks by night
 Behold throughout the
 heavens
 There shone a holy light

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
 Over the hills and
 ev'rywhere

Chorus

Go 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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Reflection

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

Offertory & Presentation of the Gifts

Immanuel
 Michael Card

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
 Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
 Amen**

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**Blessing of the Bread & Wine
 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.

Communion

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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Closing Prayer

When does an ordinary life become extraordinary, a mundane day become revolutionary, a moment in time change history?
When God enters in, forgives sin, allows us to begin again;
When we repeat those words of Mary, 'May it be to me as You say.'
Lord God, You choose the very least and raise us up to greatness.
You take the weak, the poor and blind and raise us out of darkness.
Teach us obedience, Lord, in every part of our lives:
Ears to hear Your word, hands to do Your work, feet to walk Your path,
a heart for all Your people, a mouth to shout Your praise,
a childlike faith, humility, and confidence that says to the possible and to the impossible:
'for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.' **Amen.**

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins

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