

Order of Worship
December 25th 2022 ~ Christmas Day

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

Rejoice! Merry Christmas to everyone!

Merry Christmas to you also!

Christ our Savior is born.

God's Light is poured into the world.

O Come, let us celebrate this wonderful gift.

Let us praise God with shouts of joy and singing!

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 2

In Bethlehem in Jewry
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 3

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 4

Fear not then said the angel

Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might

Chorus

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Verse 7

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

Amen.

– Robert Louis Stevenson

Special Music

Christmas Day

Ed, Franni, Martin & Scott Cash and Andrew Bergthold

Scripture Reading

—, reader

Luke 2:1-14

NRSV

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

TBA

Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

—, Reader

Offertory

Glorious Light
WS #73

Verse 1

Glorious light see the dawn of
salvation
Angels in white fill the skies
With their wondrous song
Awakening earth with news of His
birth
Join the hymn of the highest
heavens

Verse 2

Long has the world fought
The song of the angels
Heavenly music is drowned

By a warring world
Yet hope burns a light that shatters
the night
Turn your heart to the call of glory

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest
Peace to men on earth
Come and adore Him with wonder
Christ Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 3

There is a day all creation has
longed for

When all of time has been spent
And the Lord returns
His song we'll repeat as heaven
completes
Promised peace that will fill the
nations

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest
Peace to men on earth
Come and adore Him with wonder
Christ Lord of heaven and earth

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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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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

What Child Is This (Greensleeves)
RH #281

Verse 1

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 Son of Mary

Verse 2

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

Verse 3

So bring Him incense gold and
myrrh
Come peasant king 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 joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

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Closing Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Your love. May I be a shining example of that love to others. In your name,
Lord Jesus, we pray.
Amen.

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begin

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