

Thank you for joining us as we  
Worship our Lord  
December 12, 2021  
10:15am Service



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout  
aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! ***Zechariah 9:9***

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## STEWARDSHIP. . .

God's gifts to us are to be used in love for all who need them: our families, our church, and our community.



*ALTAR FLOWERS  
IN HONOR OF*

*Rick and Nancy Haseley  
Happy 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**  
**Blended Noncommunion Service**

**Pre-Service Music**

***LESSONS & CAROLS***

**WELCOME**

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

Blessed are you, God of our salvation, you promised to send your messenger to prepare the way by building a highway straight and level and by preaching a baptism of repentance. As we light these candles, kindle among us the refiner's fire, purify us of sin, and bring the good work begun in us to completion. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**People:** **Amen**

**LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

**People:** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

**Pastor:** Let Your light scatter the darkness

**People:** **and illumine Your Church.**

***(Advent Candle is Lit)***

***“Light One Candle”***

***Chorus:***

***Light one candle for JOY  
One bright candle for JOY  
He brings JOY  
to every heart  
He comes! He comes!***

Light one candle for joy  
One bright candle for joy  
Every nation will find salvation  
in Bethlehem’s baby boy.

***Chorus***

He brings JOY to every heart  
He comes, He comes

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**CONFESSION**

**Pastor:** “But test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.” Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**People:** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**Pastor:** “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE WORD**

**READING**

***Isaiah 9:2-7***

**Carol:** ***“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”***

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 power  
When we were gone astray

***Chorus***  
***O tidings of comfort and joy,***  
***Comfort and joy***  
***O tidings of comfort and joy***

In Bethlehem, in Israel,  
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***  
  
From God our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
Son of God by name.

***Chorus***

**Carol:                   *“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.

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  
Oh come to us, abide in us, our Lord Emmanuel.

**Carol:**

***“What Child is This”***

What child is this who laid to rest  
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch is 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

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

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.

**Carol:**

***“Away in a Manger”***

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 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 till 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 take us to heaven, to live with Thee there.

**Carol:**                    ***“Angels We Have Heard on High”***

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o’er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply echoing  
their joyous strains.

**CHORUS:**

***Glo.....ria in excelsis Deo!***

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Come to Bethlehem and see Him  
whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ,  
the Lord, the new-born King.

**CHORUS**

**Carol:**

***“Little Drummer Boy”***

Come they told me (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
A newborn King to see (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
Our finest gifts we bring (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
To lay before the King (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
So to honor Him (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
when we come

Little Baby (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
I am a poor boy too (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
I have no gift to bring (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
that's fit to give our King (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
Shall I play for You? (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
On my drum

Mary nodded (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
The ox and lamb kept time (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
I played my drum for Him (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
I played my best for Him (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
Then He smiled at me (pa-rum pum pum pum)  
Me and my drum

**Carol:**

***“Mary Did You Know”***

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would someday walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy  
has come to make you new?

This child that you’ve delivered  
will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will calm a storm in His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy  
has walked where angels trod?

When you’ve kissed your little baby,  
Then you’ve kissed the face of God.

Mary did you know? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear,  
The dead will live again.

The lame will leap, the dumb will speak  
the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy  
will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy  
was Heaven’s perfect Lamb?

This sleeping Child you’re holding is the great  
“I AM”

**Carol:**

***“We Three Kings”***

We three kings of orient are  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Fields and fountains, moor and mountains  
following yonder star

***Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.***

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never, Over us all to rein

***Refrain***

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice  
“Alleluia, alleluia!” earth to the heav’ns replies.

***Refrain***

**Carol:**                    ***“Jesus, Name Above All Names”***

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us,  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches  
Son of God, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,  
Lord of the Universe, Light of the World.

Jesus, born in a manger,  
Son of Mary, humble at birth  
Angels sang, shepherds adored Him  
Let us go join them, worship the Child.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***When there is no communion, Pastor will give prayers as guided by  
the Holy Spirit.***

**Pastor:**    Lord in Your Mercy

**People:**   **Hear Our Prayer**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Matthew 6:9–13**

***Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:***

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;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST FRUITS OFFERING**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angel, the eagerness of the shepherds, The determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father † Son, and Holy Spirit, Bless you now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**SENDING SONG**  
***“Joy To The World”***

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King

Let every heart

Prepare Him room

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and nature sing

And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns

Let men 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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