

# Harvest

## FELLOWSHIP

Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples



## Christmas Eve

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

# Prelude & Lighting of Advent Candles

## Welcome & Invocation

### **Responsive Reading:** *John 1:1-4; 9-14; Matt 1:23*

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

*People: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

*People: The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.*

Leader: He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

*People: He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*

Leader: But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

*People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

ALL: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" - which means, God with us.

### **O Savior of Our Fallen Race**

Original lyrics: Christe Redemptor omnium, Latin office hymn, circa 6th century.  
Translated by Gilbert E. Doan, Jr. (1930-), adapted by Kristyn Getty.

### **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Words translated by John M Neale, Music : Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.

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## **Noel**

by Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash

**Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2; Galatians 4:4-5; Romans 6:23**

## ***It Came Upon The Midnight Clear***

written by Edmund Hamilton Sears in 1849

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold!  
Peace on the earth, good will to men  
From heaven's all-gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When, with the ever circling years,  
Shall come the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth,  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

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## ***The First Noel***

Gathered by William B. Sandys, 1833

The First Noel, the angels 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.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
That hath made Heaven and earth of naught  
And with his blood mankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

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### ***O Little Town Of Bethlehem***

Words by Phillips Brooks, 1867. Music by St. Louis, Lewis H Redner, 1868

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 wond'ring love.  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

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### ***We Adore You***

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Tim Janis

Holy Child, Emmanuel;  
hope of all the ages, and the cry of ev'ry heart.  
Bowing down, we lift You up;  
You're the one we worship, You're the one we love.

**We adore You, we adore You, we adore You, Jesus.**  
**We adore You, we adore You, we adore You, Jesus.**

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### ***Sanctuary***

word and music by Aaron Shust

### ***Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-14***

## **Offering – Christmas Version**

Words and music by Paul Baloche

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
while angels sang to lowly shepherds.  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar,  
hoping to find the Child from Heaven;  
Falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble,  
Prince of Peace.

**I bring an offering of worship to my King;  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing;  
Jesus, may You receive the honor that you're due;  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.**

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## **Video: The Story of Christmas**

### **Advent Hymn**

Words and music by Christy Nockels

### **Glory in the Highest**

Words and music by Chris Tomlin

You are the first, You go before  
You are the last, Lord, You're the encore  
Your name's in lights for all to see  
The starry host declare Your glory

**Glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest  
Glory in the highest**

Apart from You there is no god  
Light of the world, the Bright and Morning Star  
Your name will shine for all to see.  
You are the one, You are my glory

*And no one else could ever compare  
To You, Lord, all the earth together declares ...*

**Glory in the highest,  
Glory in the highest,  
Glory in the highest,  
To You, Lord**

The Heavenly host proclaim Your birth  
Glory to God and peace be on the earth  
Your name is near Emanuel  
God with us here, God pleased with us to dwell

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## ***A Christmas Alleluia***

written by Chris Tomlin and Jonas Mylin

Alleluia, Alleluia

Christ the Savior of the world

He has come

Alleluia, Alleluia

To the highest name of all,

Alleluia

The heavens roar, the angels sing

All glory to our God and King

O night divine, forevermore

Alleluia

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## ***O Little Town Of Bethlehem***

Words by Phillips Brooks, 1867. Music by St. Louis, Lewis H Redner, 1868

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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## ***Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6; 1 Timothy 1:15-17***

*(And lighting of the Christ candle)*

## ***O Holy Night***

Words by Placide Cappeau, Music by Adolphe C Adam

O Holy night! the stars are brightly shining:

It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.

Long lay the world in sin and error pining,

'Til He appeared, and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on you knees! O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Truly He taught us to love one another.

His law is love, and His gospel is peace.

Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother.

And in His name all, oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we

Let all within us praise His holy name!

Christ is the Lord. O praise His name forever.

His power and glory ever more proclaim!  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!

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### ***Silent Night, Holy Night***

Words by Joseph Mohr, Music by Franz Gruber

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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## **BENEDICTION**

Merry Christmas!  
Special Thanks  
to all who are participating  
in tonight's service!