



# Christmas Eve

11 p.m. | December 25, 2025

*St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City*

# Today's Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Carl Anderson, *transitional pastor*

Matt Moore, *director of student ministries*

Marissa Moore, *worship leader*

ETC Band | Charlie Duffy, Mary Ruhlow, Nathan Schuchert,  
and Jon Swearingen



## Questions for Reflection

- What are angels like?
- How does God communicate with us?
- Where do you hear and see God?



## Flowers on the Chancel

- Today's flowers are donated by Jean Shaffer in memory of Edgar and Trudy Riley and Robert John Shaffer.



## Upcoming Events

- **Church Office Closed** | Dec. 25 - Jan. 2
- **Bingo & Games** | Jan. 2, 2026
- **Learning Academy Resumes** | Jan. 4
- **Free Lunch** | Jan. 7
- **Sunday School Resumes** | Jan. 11
- **Next Steps** | Jan. 18
- **Food Market** | Jan. 28
- **Women's Retreat** | Jan. 31
- **Free Lunch** | Feb. 4
- **At the Table** | Feb. 5



**Finish the Race**  
*Owe Nothing But Love*



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## Welcome + Announcements

**Prelude** | *Joy to the World*

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

✠ **Gathering Hymn** | “Hark the Herald Angels Sing,” pg. 6 (*hymnal* #80)

✠ **Prayer of Confession and Promise of Ever-Present Grace** | *liturgy written Matt Moore*

As we look out at the world, it is easy to say,

“God where are you?”

There are so many things that happen that cause us to ask, “God why don’t you do something?”

When we look at other people we say, “God what is wrong with them?”

No matter how many times you remind us, we forget you are Emmanuel, God with us.

**You are already in the world, right alongside those who cry out.**

**You are already doing something, showing us what restored community looks like.**

**You look at each and every one of us with forgiveness and love even when we don’t deserve it.**

## Time for Silent Confession

Friends, God is so big.

God is big enough to cover a multitude of sin.

God is big enough to love the whole world.

**But God is so small too. Small enough to humble Godself to become a baby.**

**Small enough to come into this world and live as a person.**

God is able, God is good.

**God is here. God is enough.**

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**Hymns + Songs** | Pages are listed for the printed bulletin

Numbers (#) are listed for music in the *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red) hymnal

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison.

✠ | Please rise in body or in spirit.

✕ **Musical Response** | “Make Me Like You, Lord”

**Make me like you, Lord, make me like you.  
You are a servant, make me one, too.  
Lord, I am willing. Do what you must do.  
To make me like you, Lord, make me like you.**

✕ **Sharing of Christ’s Peace & Compassion**

And now, as a visible sign of what it means to live together  
in the care and context of Christ’s community,  
let us extend Christ’s peace and compassion to those around us!

The peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

**Old Testament Reading** | Isaiah 9:2-7 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Offering Our Time, Treasure, and Talents**

**Offertory** | “Away in a Manger”

✕ **Response to Our Offerings** | Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** | Luke 2:1-20 (*The Voice*)

The word of the prophets for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Message** | Matt Moore

✕ **Hymn of Reflection** | “Angels We Have Heard on High,” pg. 7 (*hymnal*, #82)

**Celebration of Communion**



## The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the God who created us all.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Give Online

**Music During Communion** | *The Outlaw*, by Larry Norman

**Prayers of the People** | The Lord's Prayer | *adapted from Luke 11:2-4 & Matthew 6:13 (The Voice)*

**Father in heaven, may your name be revered.**

**May your kingdom come.**

**May your will be accomplished on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us the food we need for tomorrow.**

**Forgive us for our wrongs, as we forgive those who wrong us.**

**Lead us away from temptation, and save us from the evil one.**

**But let Your kingdom be ... and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.**

✠ **Sending Hymn** | "Silent Night," pg. 8 (*hymnal*, #85)

✠ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

F C Am B<sup>b</sup> F/C C F

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

Dm7 G7 C Fmaj7 G7 C

peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

F F/C C F F/C C

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

B<sup>b</sup> D Gm C7 F C F

with the an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain B<sup>b</sup> D Gm C7 F C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt., P.D.  
 Music (MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7. D refrain 7.7): Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; adapt. William H. Cummings, 1856, P.D.

# Les anges dans nos campagnes/ Angels We Have Heard on High

F Am C/G F C7 F

French 1 Les an - ges dans nos cam-pa-gnes, ont enton - né l'hym - ne des cieus,  
English 1 An - gels we have heard on high, - sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? - Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see - him whose birth the an - gels sing;

Am C/E F C7 F

et l'é - cho de nos mon-ta-gnes, re - dit ce chant mé - lo - di - eux.  
and the moun-tains in re - ply, - ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some tid - ings be - which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee - Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

Refrain Dm7 Gm7 C7 Fmaj7 B<sup>b</sup> C

Glo - - - ri - a

F C F Dm7 Gm7 C7

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo -

Fmaj7 B<sup>b</sup> C F F/C C7 F

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Words: French, 18th c.; tr. *Crown of Jesus Music*, 1862; alt., P.D.  
Music (GLORIA 7.7.7.7 refrain 3.6.3.6): French, 18th c.; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937; P.D.

# Silent Night! Holy Night



1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God,  
 4 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star,

all is bright 'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child!  
 at the sight. Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light, ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face  
 lend thy light; with the an - gels let us sing

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Sav - ior is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
 Al - le - lu - ia to our King: "Christ the Sav - ior is

peace, born! sleep Christ in heav - en - ly peace.  
 birth! Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 born! Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth!  
 born! Christ the Sav - ior is born."

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John F. Young, 1863, P.D.  
 Music (STILLE NACHT): Franz Gruber, 1818, P.D.