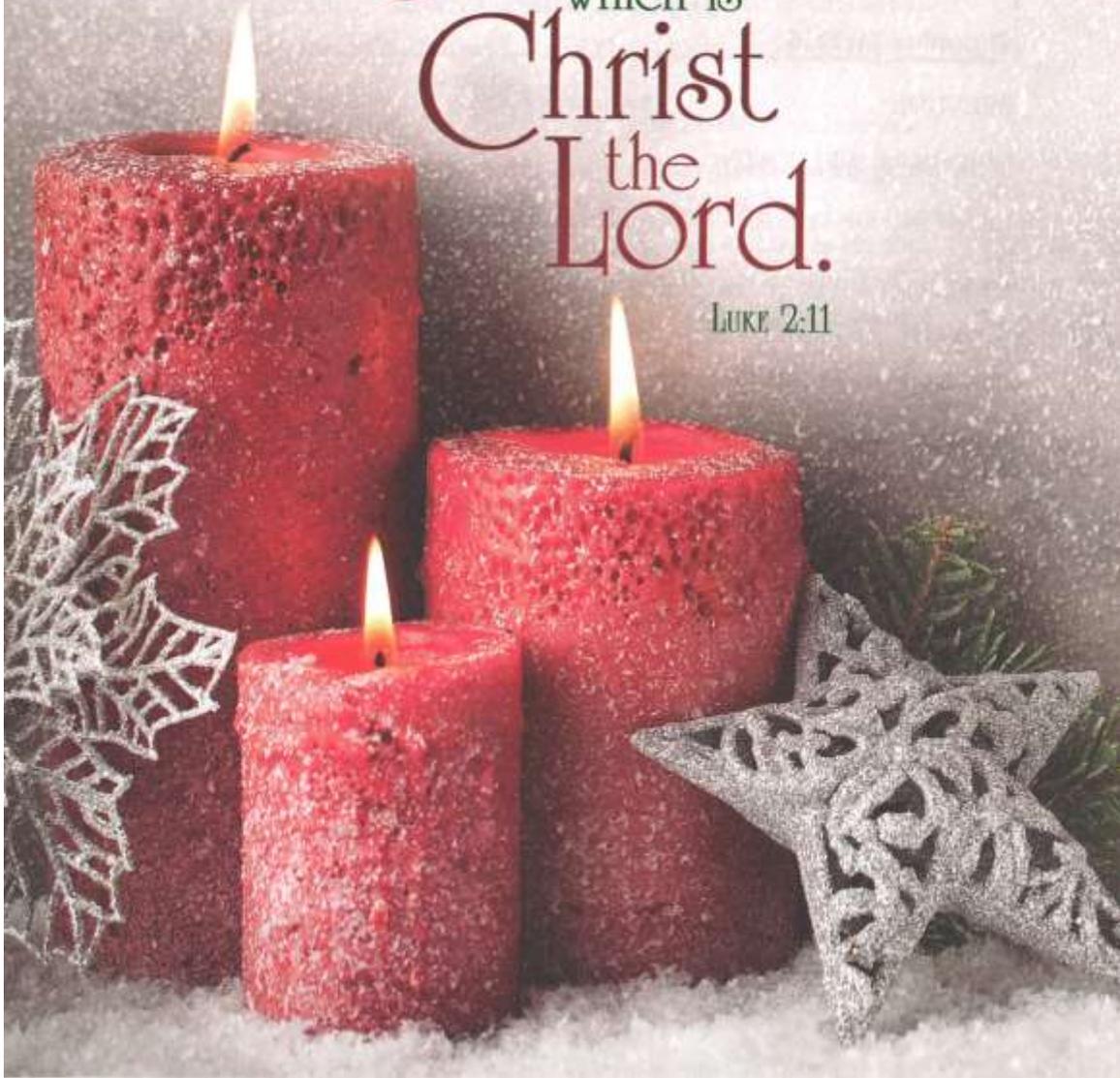


Unto you is born this day
in the city of David
a saviour,
which is
Christ
the Lord.

LUKE 2:11



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*"We proclaim God's Word to the world according to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
and strive to be Christ-like in all that we do."*

Joyce K. Allen, Pastor

December 24, 2020

Online

Christmas Eve

PRELUDE

O Come All Ye Faithful

Cindy Feyler & Dave Clark

WORDS OF WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

PASTOR:

The season of waiting is over. Christ is born this very night. We light His candle as a reminder that His light will always be with us and that His light will always shine into the dark places of our world and of our lives. O come, let us adore him.

*HYMN

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verses 1-4

O Come All Ye Faithful

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UNISON PRAYER

It may seem naive, in a world of grief, to choose to live in joy; It may seem foolish, in a world where solemnity is power, to sing and dance to a different tune; It may seem cruel, in a world of suffering and injustice, to speak of light and celebration;

But you have come, Jesus, to bring joy into our grief, light into our darkness, singing into our mourning; and it is an act of healing and proclamation to believe and embrace the joy you offer. Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Hallelujah! Amen.

LESSON ONE:

Isaiah 9:2-7

GOD IS SENDING A CHILD

*HYMN

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O Little Town of Bethlehem

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LESSON TWO:

Micah 5:2-4

PROPEHCY ABOUT BETHLEHEM

MUSIC

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Bells

LESSON THREE:

Luke 1: 26-38

MARY

MUSIC

In the Bleak Midwinter

Bells

LESSON FOUR:

Matthew 1:18-25

JOSEPH

MUSIC

Angel Medley

Cindy Feyler

LESSON FIVE:

Luke 2:1-7

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

MUSIC

O Holy Night

Mark Stanley and Jessica Feyler

LESSON SIX:

Luke 2:8-20

ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS

*HYMN

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Joy to the World

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LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news of the psalmist's proclamation: If I say, "*Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night,*" Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day. The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us HAS come to us in Jesus Christ who binds up the brokenhearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin. So arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Thanks be to God!

*CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

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, heavenly host 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, Alleluias to our King. Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

UNISON BENEDICTION

By the tender mercy of our God, love has broken upon us! Light is given where once there was darkness, and hope where there was only death. We go into this Christmas season knowing that God will guide our feet into the way of peace. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

The Rev. Joyce K. Allen, Pastor

Cindy Feyler, Director of Music

MUSCIANS:

Cindy Feyler, piano & piano

Dave Clark, piano

BELLS:

Carole Stanley

Maralena Dropp

Judy Clark

Jessica Feyler

Cindy Feyler

SINGERS:

Jessica Feyler

Mark Stanley

READERS:

Pastor Joyce

Brenda Rhodes

Judy Clark

Mark Stanley

Jessica Feyler

TECH SUPPORT:

Greg Milunich

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 1. *A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -*
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O
 * 4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra - dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.
ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.
ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.

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1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars to - geth - er, pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

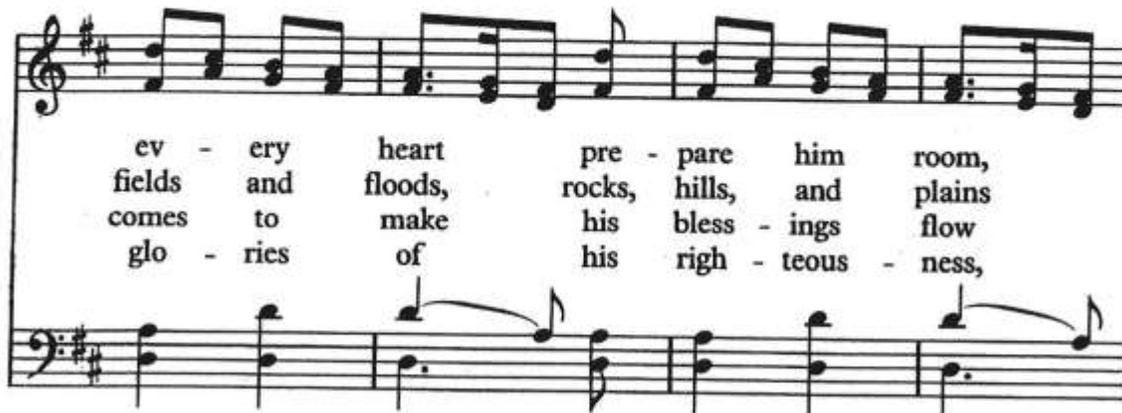
Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,



Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the



ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
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 and won - ders of his love, and

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