1. O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 2: 8-20

MESSAGE "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

*HYMNS OF INVITATION

What Child Is This

#219, 1 & 2

WORDS BY WILLIAM C. DIX
MUSIC FROM A 16TH CENTURY ENGLISH MELODY
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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?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Refrain]

> JOY TO THE WORLD #246, v. 1 & 2 WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS
> MUSIC ARR. BY G.F. HANDEL
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1. 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.

2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE #254, V. 1 & 4 WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN H. HOPKINS

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1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

*Sending Forth

BEAUTIFUL STAR OF BETHLEHEM WORDS BY R. FISHER BOYCE

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL ARR. BY ARTHUR WARRELL

POSTLUDE HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING



"Glory to God in the Highest"

Luke 2:8-20

December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall & Online Guest Music from Ron Yule & the Medicare Band 10:00 AM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP HYMNS

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

#251, v. 1 & 3

Words by John W. Work, Jr.

Music from Afro-American Spiritual
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Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]
- 3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

#240, v. 1 & 3 Words by Charles Wesley Music by Felix Mendelssohn Used by Permission. CCLI License #1203752

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH **ISAIAH 35:10**

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy. May the joyful promise of your presence, O God, make us rejoice in our hope of salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel.

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN ENGLISH CAROL, 18TH CENT.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR WORDS BY EDMUND H. SEARS

MUSIC BY RICHARD STORRS WILLIS USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752

- 1. 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.
- 3. And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing. O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

Angels We Have Heard on High

#238, V. 1 & 4
Words from a Traditional French Carol
Music by a French Carol Melody
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1. Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

4. See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER HYMNS
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
#230, v. 1 & 4
WORDS BY PHILLIPS BROOKS
MUSIC BY LEWIS H. REDNER
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- 1. 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.
- 4. 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!

SILENT NIGHT #239, v. 1 & 3 Words by Joseph Mohr Music by Franz Grüber Used by Permission. CCLI License #1203752

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

3. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

*Doxology

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

#94
Words by Thomas Ken
Music from Geistliche Kirchengesange
Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMNS OF FAITH
GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD
WORDS BY JOSEPH SIMPSON COOK
MUSIC FROM TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

AWAY IN A MANGER
#217, V. 1 & 3
WORDS: ANONYMOUS
MUSIC BY JAMES R. MURRAY
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- 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
- 3. 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 fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL #234, v. 1 & 3 WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN F. WADE USED BY PERMISSION. CCLI LICENSE #1203752