

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
4. 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, and wonders of his love.

SCRIPTURE READING
LUKE 2:22-38

SERMON
“PRESENTED AND CONSECRATED TO GOD”

ANTHEM
BREATH OF HEAVEN
AMY GRANT & CHRIS EATON

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR
#218, v. 1 & 2
WORDS BY EDMUND H. SEARS
MUSIC BY RICHARD STORRS WILLIS
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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.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING FORTH**
GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE
#224
WORDS FROM 14TH CENTURY LATIN
MUSIC FROM A GERMAN MELODY
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- Refrain:** Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
1. give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today! [Refrain]
2. now ye hear of endless bliss: News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened the heaven's door, and ye are blest forevermore. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this! [Refrain]
3. now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

POSTLUDE
JOY TO THE WORLD
G.F. HANDEL & ISAAC WATTS



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
JERRY RAY

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
HE IS BORN
FRENCH CAROL
ARR. BY JACK SCHRADER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Christ is born; give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!
O you earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR
#249
WORDS BY JOSIAH HOLLAND
MUSIC BY KARL HARRINGTON
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1. There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry! And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
2. There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth, for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth. Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing, for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
3. In the light of that star lie the ages impearled; and that song from afar has swept over the world. Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!
4. We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng. Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring, and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER
WHAT CHILD IS THIS

#219
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]
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]

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!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

HYMN OF FAITH
JOY TO THE WORLD

#246
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,
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.