

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]  
5. Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice: Alleluia,  
Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
**MATTHEW 2:1-12**

**SERMON**  
**"BY A DIFFERENT ROAD"**

**ANTHEM**  
**HE IS BORN**  
FRENCH CAROL  
ARR. BY JACK SCHRADER

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
**AWAY IN A MANGER**

#217  
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.  
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he  
makes; I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my  
cradle till morning is nigh.  
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.

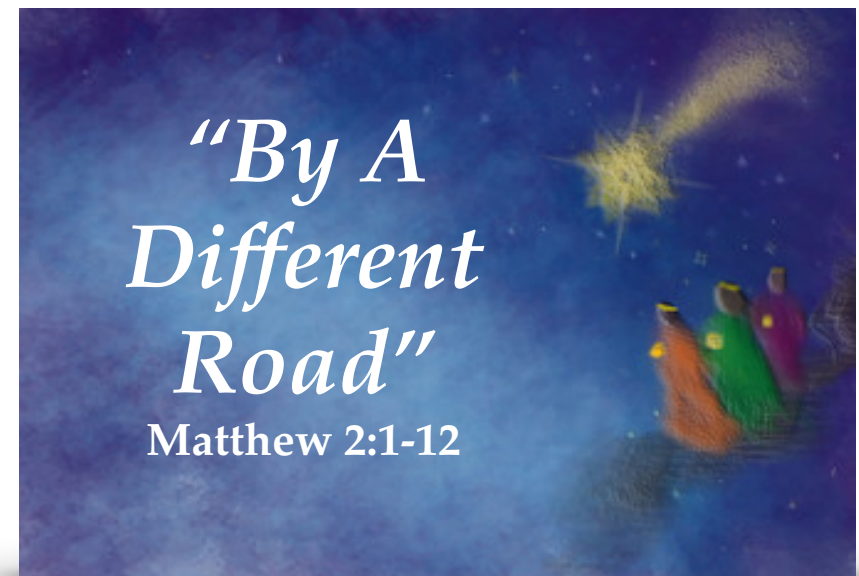
**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

#240, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY  
MUSIC BY FELIX MENDELSSOHN  
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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]

**POSTLUDE**  
**FANTASIA ON "FOREST GREEN"**  
TRAD. ENGLISH MELODY  
ARR. BY LANI SMITH



**Guest Speaker: Louis Michiels**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE**  
*ROSE OF BETHLEHEM*  
LARRY SHACKLEY

**WELCOME HOME!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS*  
BRIAN WREN / CARLTON R. YOUNG

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising.  
Congregation: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
*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, 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.
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 of his love.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life of the everlasting. Amen.

## **SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS**

**CALL TO PRAYER**  
*THE FIRST NOEL*

#245, v. 1 & 5  
WORDS & MUSIC FROM A TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL  
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1. The first Noel the angel 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.  
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.
5. Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
[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**  
*WE THREE KINGS*

#254  
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.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. [Refrain]
3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high. [Refrain]