

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
**LUKE 2:1-20**

**SERMON**  
**“GOD’S RELATIONSHIP WITH US ON  
THE JOURNEY TO ETERNAL LIFE”**  
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

**ANTHEM**  
***A LA NANITA NANA***  
SPANISH CAROL  
ARR. BY RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
***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]

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
***O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL***  
#234, v. 1 & 6  
WORDS & MUSIC BY JOHN F. WADE  
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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.
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]

**POSTLUDE**  
***ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY***  
JAMES MONTGOMERY & HENRY T. SMART



**Communion is available and the elements  
have been blessed for anyone who would like  
to partake after church service is completed.**

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***Merry Christmas!***

December 25, 2022  
Sunday Worship Service  
Sanctuary & Online  
10:00 AM



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

*O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM WITH JOY HAS DAWNED*  
CAROL TORNQUIST

## WELCOME HOME & MERRY CHRISTMAS! ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*SING, O SING THIS BLESSED MORN*  
ENGLISH TUNE  
ADAPTED BY GEOFFREY SHAW  
ARRANGED BY ANDREW SIMS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy, for all people.  
To you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord!

**Congregation: There is nothing in life, or death, in things present, or things to come, nothing in all creation, that can separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Rejoice...rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice!

**Christ the Savior is born! Thanks be to God. Amen!**

(p. 89 Advent, Christmas and Epiphany)

**\*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, and wonders of his love.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he**

**ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

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

#245, v. 1 & 2  
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.
2. They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [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!

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**HYMN OF FAITH**  
*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!