

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church



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Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

James Mansfield

Welcome

Pass the Peace of Christ

* Gathering Song (#40)

“Joy to the World” vs1

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.

Litany for Christmas

Leader: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us,

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, King of glory Sun of righteousness, born of the Virgin Mary:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, might God, everlasting Lord:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:

People: Glory to you, O Lord!

Leader: Jesus, joy of the angels, and crown of all the saints:

People: Glory to you of Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn (#41)

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” vs1&3

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!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
(Refrain)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer [Unison]

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn (#44)

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs1&4

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!

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Christmas Meditation

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Invitation to Offering

*Doxology (#23)

"Angels We Have Heard On High" vs1

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*Prayer of Dedication

Hymn (#31)

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" vs1&3

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 the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*The Benediction

*The Benediction Carol (#29)

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"
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