

2-The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain**

3-Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* arr. Franklin Ritter

**Those who are able, please stand;
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DECEMBER 25 – MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Special Family Service for adults and kids of all ages
with Pastor Paul preaching
Childcare for children birth - 2 years old
Followed by Christmas Fellowship Hour

JANUARY 1, 2012 – MORNING WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. One service with Pastor Ross preaching
10:00 a.m. Childcare for children birth - 2 years old

Many and special thanks to moms, dads and grandparents who assisted throughout rehearsals.

Our Wonderful Cast: Scott Sawyer, Natasha Doeller, Morgan Kokol, Abigail Grunseich, Susan Schwarz, Eva Switala, Gigi Fiordimondo, Emily McCullough, Samantha Benham, Bryce Cammarotta, Zachary Schultz, Shane Sawyer, Max Switala, Charlotte Mansfield.

WELCOME to this special Christmas Eve Worship for the “young at heart.” May your heart be warmed and your life enriched by the good news that Christ the Savior is born.
FLASH PICTURES should **NOT BE TAKEN** during the service.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16



The Worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ

DECEMBER 24, 2011

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 P.M.

Childcare is available in our nursery which is located downstairs near the Christian Education wing entrance.

PRELUDE *And the Angels Sang* arr. Gerald Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

All God's people----

Boys and girls, women, men:

Come and worship!

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

Come and worship! Come and worship!

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

*OPENING HYMN: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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!

2-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

3-Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Refrain

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING

In a time of violence and despair,
an ancient prophet gives good news:

The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great a light....

The boots of earth-shaking armies on the march,
the soldiers' cloaks rolled in blood,
are destined to be burnt, food for the fire.

For a child has been born to us....

Wide will be the dominion

and boundless the peace,...
with justice and righteousness
from now on, for evermore. (Isa. 9:2a, 5, 6a, 7a, 7c REB)

We light the Christ candle,
thankful that God has come to us,
not as a conquering hero
but as a child, whose faithful, peaceful life
will follow God's way of love.

**Living God, come to our world,
May the love of Christ shine brightly,
at the center of our lives,
spreading warmth and light,
in us, in this congregation, and everywhere.**

*CAROL: JOY TO THE WORLD

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 us our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!
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PRESENTING OUR GIFTS TO THE CHRIST CHILD

CAROL: WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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 Christian fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. **Refrain**

3-So bring Him incense, hold, and myrrh, come peasant king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation bring, let loving hearts enthrone him. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE READING

Isaiah 7: 14; Micah 5: 2-5a

CAROL: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

CAROL: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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.

CAROL: AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

CAROL: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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!"

CAROL: ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glo...ria, In Excelsis Deo; Glo...ria, In Excelsis Deo

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*SENDING CAROL: GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain.
Over the hill 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 heaven
There shone a holy light. **Refrain**