

Children's Christmas Eve Worship



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"In the stillness of the night He came—God's gift of Christmas—the One who would save the world."

Welcome!

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Prelude

Opening Hymn

O Come Little Children

O come, little children, O come one and all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem's stall
And see what the Father in heaven so true
Has done to prepare a bright Christmas for you.

On hay and on straw in the manger He lies;
Both Mary and Joseph, with fond, loving eyes,
Are gazing upon Him, and shepherds draw near,
And jubilant angels from heaven appear.

O kneel with the shepherds in worshipful prayer
And join the dear angels who also are there;
Sing glory to God in the heavens above
And thank Him for Jesus, the gift of His love.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy day shine with your love for the world. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, the greatest Christmas gift of all. Please help us to remember why we celebrate, even as we eat Christmas cookies and open presents. Help us to love one another as you love us and help us to be close to you at Christmas time, and every day. In the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Anthem

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

arr. Christopherson

Reading from Isaiah

The Spark Story Bible

Isaiah said a child would be born and live with the people. His name would be Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us." Then the people would know how much God loved them.

"I love you more than all of creation," God told the people. "I want you to love me too."

God knew the child could bring peace to the world. He would be a wise judge who would bring justice to the poor. "I love all people. I want you to learn to love all people. Whether they are rich or poor, **love them**. Whether they are hungry or full, **love them**. Whether they are happy or sad, **love them**. Whether they are similar or different than you, **love them**. Then you can live in peace." **The child would show them how to live in peace and love each other.**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Welcoming the Gospel

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Sharing the Gospel

Pastor Mark Schmid & CYF Team
Jesus Calling Bible Storybook

Ring, ring, ring the bells,
Ring them loud and clear.
To tell the people everywhere
That Christmas Day is here.

Celebrating the Gospel

Please ring your bells during the refrain!

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.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Refrain

Offering

Come, Dear Children

Burt

Offertory Hymn

Joy to the World

Please ring your bells as the offering is brought forward.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Prayers of the People

Wonderful Counselor, we give you joyful thanks on this holy day of Jesus' birth. May the story of his love and salvation live in the hearts of all who sing of its wonders. God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Today's Worship Participants

Assisting Ministers

Will Bradford
Reed Peterson
Madeleine Buckles

Musicians

SPD Quartet
Norah Long
Susan Ramlet
Steve Sandberg
Woody Woodward

Vocal Trio

Kainalu Lazarus
Naia Spoonheim
Milo Spoonheim

Thank you to all who have assisted in the Children's Christmas Eve service!

A little child,
A shining star,
A stable rude,
The door ajar.
Yet in that place,
So crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all
The world was born.
– Anonymous

Mighty God, comfort those who are sick, in pain or sorrow. Grant them the deep peace of this holy day. God of peace,

Hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, we remember with thanksgiving all who have died and who now rest in your peaceful light. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, bathe us always in the light and love of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us . . .

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Blessing

May the Lord God grant you the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Please ring your bells during the refrain!

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
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 heavens there shone a holy light.

Refrain

2. Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Poinsettias Given by

Steve & Debb Adams & Family	In memory of Donna Adams, Gale & Myrt Korell In honor of Roger Adams
The Albright family	In celebration of the gift of our Savior
The Plymouth Bible Study Fellowship class	In celebration of Our Savior, Jesus
The Allison Family	In celebration of baby Jesus' birth
Robert & Lynne Bachschneider	In memory of our parents
Mark, Amanda & Charlotte Berger	In memory of Debra Weitzel In memory of Jean Peterson
Paul and Cindy, Ben, Annie & Tom Carlson	In memory of Dean & Kerstin Carlson, Peg Holmes, Michael Holmes & Bob Holmes
Tim, Pam, Erik & Jack Dagoberg	In memory of our parents & grandparents: Tom, Reiko, Muriel & Don
Matt, Kristen, Ava, Elyn, Olivia & Iris Doherty	In memory of our grandparents Harold & Harriett Letnes, LeRoy & Evie Davidson, Howard & Lois Peterson
Deborah Dybdahl	In memory of my mother, Jean Towne In celebration of my grandsons: Caleb, Finn, Samuel & Alexander Dybdahl
The family of Jeff and Patrice Erickson	In memory of Norm & Cathy Kushino & Keith Erickson
Rose & Don Faye	In memory of Anna & Henry Bludau, parents In memory of our daughter, Kelly Faye In celebration of our family & friends
Ken & Rosanne Ferguson	In memory of our parents
Joan & David Floren	In honor of their grandparents, Don & Arleeta Foss & Pam & Myron Magstadt
Harrison, Graham, and Bennett Foss	In celebration of their baby brother Harrison
Graham & Bennett Foss	In memory of Walter Ohm & Kyle Elizabeth Ohm
Alex, Claudia & Harper Gordon & Suzanne Ohm	In memory of Larry & Martha Gordon
Elaine Granquist	In memory of loved ones
Erik, Moe, Nora, Griffin & Linnea Hagestuen	In memory of Don Hagestuen, Dad & Grandpa In memory of Cathy Berg, dear friend In memory of Darwin Schroeder
DeAnne Johnson	In memory of our parents
Rob & Kris Johnson	In memory of Mary & Tom Walz
The Krueger Family	In celebration of Grace Lesser
Joe & Lauren Lesser	In memory of Bonnie Lesser In memory of MacKenzie
The Merz Family	In memory of Richard Kenison
The Kenison/Moody Families	In honor of Laura & Zack, & everyone else married in 2020
Sharon & Bill Murphy	In memory of our parents, Virgil & Carole Panning
Gregg Panning & Linda Taylor	In honor of health care & frontline workers during this pandemic
Greg & Susan Path	In honor of Rachel & Ben's wedding In memory of our loved ones who are no longer with us In memory of Amy Lois Pohl
The Michael Pohl family	In memory of Truman & Delores Lewis, Norma Porter's parents
David & Norma Porter	In memory of Mom/Grandma Ruth, Grandma Marge, & Alex
Ben, Alyssa, Hazel & Henry Porubcan	In memory of Todd Reget In celebration of our children & grandchildren
Kathy & Howard Reget	In honor of health care workers & teachers
Patti Richardson	In memory of Grandpa & Grandma Strande, Einar, Helene, Marlys & Art
Donna Taflin & Family	In memory of Grandpa & Grandma Taflin, Ralph, Rogue & Molly
Rex & Cheryl Rugland	In memory of all loved ones we have lost
Arlene Sawvel	In memory of Tom Sawvel In memory of parents
Liza Anderson Schmid & Mark Schmid	In honor of our children, Trygve, Josephine & Marit In memory of Muriel Anderson & Julia Hill In celebration of our children & family
Ron & Janet Schutz	In memory of Junior Hohbach
Cheryl & Martin Sjaarda	In celebration of all the frontline healthcare workers
Kevin, Nicole, Matthew & Lauren St. John	In honor of our families in Scotland & the US
Valerie & Philip Strand Patterson	In memory of Delores & Werner Stranghoener, Muriel & Arno Seifert
The Stranghoener Family	In memory of our parents
Al & Nancy Tank	In memory of Michael Waldow & Diane's mom, Esther Hahn
George & Diane Waldow, Kelly Waldow Perry & Family	
Bruce & Beth Willis	In memory of our parents
Jim & Barbara Willis	In honor of our parents, children & grandchildren
The Winfield Family: Chris, Nicole, Mike, Jack, Joe, Natalie, Jeff & Nadine	In memory of Bob Winfield
Jennifer & Kevin Weist	In memory of John Weist In celebration of Sasha & Grant Wolter

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