

JAY GOULD MEMORIAL REFORMED CHURCH
December 21, 2025 ONLINE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Prelude: “Angels We Have Heard on High”, arr. Cindy Berry, © 2012 Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188
..... Dan Chien, Organist/Choir Director

Introit: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”, arr. Lloyd Larson, © 1998 in Choral Responses for Today's Worship,
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Call to Worship & Advent Candle (Joy). Grace Walker

Reader: Every year we light candles as we prepare for the coming of Christ. More and more candles,
more and more light, as we watch and wait for Jesus, the Light of the World.

**All: God of Promise, come into our darkness. Renew your hope, your peace, and your joy in us,
for you alone bring life out of death.**

Reader: Receive God’s promise of joy from Psalm 28: Praise be to the LORD. For he has heard my cry
for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield.

**All: My heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy
and I will give thanks to him in song.**

(Light the candles of hope, peace, and joy)

Hymn: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Richard A. Dykstra, Minister

Prayer (*Unison*)

**Be near us, Lord Jesus, we ask you to stay close by us forever and love us, we pray. Immanuel,
we invite you to draw near and dwell with us. Surround us with your tender, caring presence,
that what we say and do in worship might prepare us to live with you forever in heaven. In your
name we pray. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Anthem: “We Are Waiting”, Words by Sally K. Albrecht and Charles Wesley, Music by Jay Althouse,
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Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

The Children’s Program: “*The Birth of Jesus*”

Processional Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Readers: The Census, Mary, Joseph & Baby

Children’s Song: “Away in a Manger”

Readers: The Angels and The Shepherds

Children’s Song: “Joy to the World”

Readers: The Wise Men follow the Star

Song: “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

Prayer

Hymn: “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Postlude: “Ding Dong! Merrily on High”, arr. Lloyd Larson, © 2012 Hope Pub. Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188