



## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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### Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning  
the way you feel comfortable.

**All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!**

**Everybody Is Somebody Here**

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## PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN

### “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*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!*

*The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! REFRAIN*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: REFRAIN*

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Leader: Text by Tom Witt, alt.

Come to us, O Em-man-u-el,

All:

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### WELCOME

### THE INCARNATION IS NO TAME THING

*Quinn Milton*

### OPENING PRAYER

## HYMN

*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!*

## **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

*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 new-born King.*  
Refrain

## FIRST READING

**Luke 2:1-7**

The Gospel of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Coventry Carol" and "We Three Kings"**

**The Mann Family**

## CHILDRENS TIME

## HYMN

## **"What Child Is This"**

*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?  
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners hear the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!*

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!*

## SECOND READING

**Luke 2:8-20**

The Gospel of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

## SERMON

**Pastor Brent Erler**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“O Holy Night”**

**Kim and Steve Wolff**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Mary Had a Baby” Medley**

**The Mann Family**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**L: Lord, in Your Mercy**

**C: Hear our prayer**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**THE INCARNATION**

**John 1:1-14**

*Ushers will come and light the candles at the end of each row.  
Please tilt UNLIT candle into a lit one and then pass it to your neighbor.*

**HYMN OF LIGHT**

**“SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!”**

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.*

**REPEAT FIRST VERSE**

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN:

**“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”**

#### REFRAIN

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;*

*Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,*

*Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. REFRAIN*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth,*

*Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. REFRAIN*

*Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;*

*And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. REFRAIN*

## SENDING

## POSTLUDE

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***Thank you for joining us for Christmas Eve worship.***

***Please join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM***

***as we worship throughout the year.***

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### **Serving Today**

Pastor

Brent Erler

Musicians

Kim and Steve Wollff  
and

The Mann Family

Sound and Video

Nathan Blilie

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