

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 9:30 am

Prelude – Katelyn Hulst

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*Songs: "**Away in a Manger**"

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

2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle until morning is nigh.

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

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*"**O Little Town of Bethlehem**"

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.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

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.

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Reading from Isaiah 11:1-9

*"**He Shall Reign Forevermore**"

1 In the bleak mid-winter
All creation groans
For a world in darkness,
Frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking

In a stable for a throne.

Chorus

(And) He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

2 If I were a wise man,
I would travel far.
If I were a shepherd,
I would do my part.
But, poor as I am,
I will give to Him my heart.

Bridge

Here within a manger lies
The One who made the starry skies,
This baby born for sacrifice:
Christ, the Messiah!
Into our hopes, into our fears
The Savior of the world appears,
The promise of eternal years:
Christ, the Messiah!

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Born is the King (It's Christmas) - Led by Sunday School

Offering – Hand 2 Hand

Streams “thank you” video

Gloria – Worship video with piano by Amy Rottman

Time for Prayer

Giving Video

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Sermon: “**Gifts Given, Gifts Used**”

Prayer

*“**King of Kings**”

1 In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light
‘til from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

2 To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
for even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died

3 And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good for the Lamb had conquered death
and the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored

4 And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free
for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

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*God's Blessing

***“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills 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 heavens
there shone a holy light.

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.

3 Down in a lowly stable
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

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