**Light the candles on the Advent wreath before the service begins!**

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024, 9:30 am**

\*Call to Worship (Jeff)

\*God’s Greeting (Jeff)

\*Mutual Greeting (Jeff)

\***“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;

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

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\***“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 all their songs employ,

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,

far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,

and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

Isaac Watts

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Christ Candle Testimony (Pete VW)

\***“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!

Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher

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\***“Crown Him (Christmas)”**

1 Crown Him with many crowns, the King who left His throne

Creator of the universe, born to the world He holds

And with that first drawn breath, the Word has become flesh

Emmanuel has come to us; O crown Him all the earth

4 Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own

Awake, my soul, and sing: God sent His Son for me

Now hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

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Offering: World Renew (Jeff)

Song during offering: **“Come To Us”**

1 Scattered and broken, bent in our way,

We are Your people gathered to praise You.

A vineyard uprooted, narrow in sight.

Come, Lord of glory! Come, lord of light!

Chorus

Come to us, O Child of glory, be born in our hearts.

Come to us, O Child of glory and make us anew.

We adore You, we adore You,

We adore You, sweet Child of glory.

2 Come, Lord, our dayspring, come from on high,

As we Your people gather to praise You.

Unworthy to taste from Your heavenly vine,

But Your word will heal us. Come, light divine.

3 Come, Root of Jesse; Come, David’s son;

Come, Star of Morning; We come to praise You.

Hope of creation, of all humankind,

Reign over body, spirit and mind.

Greg Walton

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Time for Prayer (Jeff)

Bible Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (Luke & Zeke Geldersma)

Sermon: Hope in Unexpected Places

Prayer (Jeff)

\***“Once in Royal David’s City”**

1 Once in royal David’s city

Stood a lowly cattle shed,

Where a mother laid her Baby

In a manger for His bed.

Mary was that mother mild,

Jesus Christ, her little Child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven

Who is God and Lord of all,

And His shelter was a stable,

And His cradle was a stall.

With the poor, and meek, and lowly

Lived on earth, our Savior holy.

4 And our eyes at last shall see Him

Through His own redeeming love;

For that Child so dear and gentle

Is our Lord in heaven above.

And He leads His children on

To the place where He has gone.

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\***“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

1 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains
and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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\*God's Blessing (Jeff)

\***“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 manger
the humble Christ was born,
and brought us God’s salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

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