



*Welcome to Our Christmas Day Worship Service*  
*Monday, December 25th, 2023*  
*10:00 AM*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Choral Call to Worship: *"He Is Born, Emmanuel"*

Opening Prayer

\*Christmas Carol Medley of Praise

*"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* (B) 131; vv. 1 & 2

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"* (B) 132; vv. 1 & 3

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (B) 145; vv. 1 & 3

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

\*Song of Praise and Adoration

*"For Unto Us a Son Is Born with Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

Lighting of the Advent & Christ Candles: Charlotte Bruno,

Quinn de Visser, Anna Sybesma, & Taryn Winters

Song of Christmas

*"He Shall Reign Forevermore"*

Special Music: *"Christmas Sanctus"* – Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Offering: World Renew

\*Song of Preparation

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Text: John 1:1-14 (p. 1053)

Sermon: **"God in Flesh...the Living Word"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application

*"O Holy Night"* (B) 148; all 3

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Benediction

\*Doxology

*"Glory to God/Ere zij God"* (G) 214

\*Postlude

**Preaching:** Pastor Brent Pennings

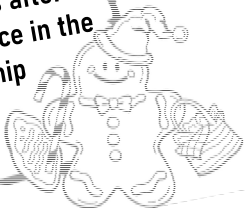
**Organ:** Kevin Tazelaar **Piano:** Laura Koolhaas

**Praise Band:** Travis Haveman, Gary Leusink, Valerie Van Houten, Rick Van Vliet, Heidi Veldstra, John Welch **Flute:** Hailey Valk **Trumpet:** Jacob Dugo, Colton Veldstra

**Trombone:** Arend Jones **Violin:** Kendra Kamp

**\*Please stand if able (G) denotes gray hymnal in pew racks (B) blue songbooks under pews**

Join us for coffee  
& cookies after  
the service in the  
Fellowship  
Hall!



**ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY** - (B) 131; vv. 1 & 2  
Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

**Refrain:** Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light: **Refrain**

*Text: James Montgomery, 1816. Tune: Henry Smart, 1867. Church CCLI License #133103*

**ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH** - (B) 132; vv. 1 & 3  
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

**Refrain:** Glo---ria in excelsis Deo, Glo---ria in excelsis Deo.

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

*Text: Traditional French carol. Tune: Traditional French melody. Church CCLI License #133103*

**O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL** - (B) 145; vv. 1 & 3  
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!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

*Text: Latin Hymn; ascribed to John Francis Wade; translated by Frederick Oakeley. Music: John Francis Wade.  
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**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN (w/ Open the Eyes of My Heart)**

For unto us a child is born, a Son is given, a Son is given.  
For unto us a child is born, a Son is given, a Son is given,  
the Messiah, oh to see Him,  
to see Him high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy. **Repeat**

High and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.  
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

For unto us a child is born. Holy, holy, holy.  
For unto us a child is born. Holy, holy, holy. **Repeat**

## **HE SHALL REIGN FOREVERMORE**

In the bleak midwinter 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.

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. **Chorus**

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!

He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.  
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore. **Chorus**

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## **HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.

**Chorus:** So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor. **Chorus**

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
**Chorus**

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.

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## **O HOLY NIGHT!** - (B) 148; all 3

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,  
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn;  
Fall on your knees, oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
in all our trials born to be our Friend;  
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
and in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
let all within us praise His holy name;  
Christ is the Lord, oh, praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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## **GLORY TO GOD/ERE ZIJ GOD** - (G) 214

*~Please see the Psalter Hymnal for the lyrics in Dutch.~*

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, in the highest, in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
to the people whom God delights in.  
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
to the people, to the people whom God delights in,  
to the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.  
Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, in the highest, in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
to the people whom God delights in. Amen, Amen.

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