



Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Second Sunday in Advent  
All-Church Christmas Play

## PRELUDE

Little Prelude no 1 in C Major BWV 553  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

## INTRODUCTION OF THE CHRISTMAS PLAY

Rev. Mark van Stee

## PRAYER

Rev. Mark van Stee

**\*SONG** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Congregation & Band

## LIGHTING OF THE 2ND ADVENT CANDLE

Roselyne Oelsner &  
Valentyna Nikonenko

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## CHRISTMAS PLAY "INTO THE LIGHT"

*ISAIAH 9:2-7*

Narrator

"Emmanuel Will Come"  
Words and music by Becki Slagle Mayo

Children's Choir

*LUKE 1:26-35; 38*

Narrator

"Mary Did You Know?"  
Mark Lowry/Bill Gaither

Heather and Claire Altermatt, Vocals & Band

*MICAH 5:2-5*

Narrator

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
English Folk Melody; arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams

IPC Singers

*LUKE 2:1; 3-7*

Narrator

**\*SONG** "Silent Night / Away in a Manger"

Congregation & Band

*LUKE 2:8-14*

Narrator

"Angels Are Singing, Heaven Is Ringing"  
Polish and French melodies; arranged by Lloyd Larson

Children's Choir

*LUKE 2:15-20*

Narrator

"Shepherd Boy"  
Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham & Steven Furtick

Band

As Herod appears, *congregation shouts "Boo"!*

MATTHEW 2:1-8

Narrator

*During reading of sentence “When King Herod heard about this, he was worried, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem”, **congregation starts whispering.***

*During sentence of King Herod “I want to go and worship him, too”, **congregation shouts “Boo”.***

**\*SONG** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Congregation & Band

MATTHEW 2:9-10

Narrator

“As with Gladness Men of Old”  
Conrad Kocher

IPC Singers

MATTHEW 2:11-12

Narrator

**\*SONG** “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Congregation & Band

JOHN 1:14; 16-18 & JOHN 8:12

Narrator

**DEVOTIONAL**

Nathan Wannemacher

**WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

Dennis Kuriakose, Morning Worship Elder

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**\*OFFERTORY SONG** “Joy to the World”

Congregation & Organ

**BENEDICTION**

Nathan Wannemacher

**POSTLUDE**

Chorale Prelude on “Go, Tell it on the Mountain”  
Jürg Lietha (1952)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***\*Please stand if you are able.***

***Worship elements in red indicate the congregation’s participation.***

*Today’s bulletin cover was drawn by Zaara Cherukara.*

## **CAST OF CHARACTERS & PRODUCTION TEAM**

<b>NARRATOR</b>	Spencer Bliven
<b>CHILD</b>	Adrian Bliven
<b>MARY</b>	Emily Carter
<b>JOSEPH</b>	Jack Alpsteg
<b>ANGEL GABRIEL</b>	Deeya Akshintala
<b>ANGELS</b>	Sophia McMahon, Daria Müller, Johannah Fisher, Amalia Flückiger, Solenn Martin del Campo-Duméril
<b>INNKEEPERS 1-3</b>	Audience
<b>HEAD SHEPHERDS</b>	Yuuki Numao, Joshua Brawand, Aston Dennis
<b>SHEPHERDS</b>	Tessa Henne, Annella Cho, Noemi Soluch, Samuel Soluch, Oliwia Soluch
<b>SHEEP</b>	Lambs & Sheep, Love & Hope
<b>TOWNSPEOPLE</b>	Joscha Fisher, Ezra van Staden, Marcel Blöchlinger
<b>BAKERY PERSON</b>	Anna Cavaliere
<b>CABINET MAKER</b>	Magnus von Boyen
<b>MIGROS PERSON</b>	Rebecca Cupples
<b>COOP PERSON</b>	Emma Cavaliere
<b>HEROD</b>	Moya Meades
<b>WISE MEN</b>	Emory Mütschard, Joash Chintapalli, Isaac Dennison
<b>TEACHER OF THE LAW</b>	Charlotte Blöchlinger
<b>CHIEF PRIEST</b>	Elena Kleimenova
<b>STAR</b>	
<b>DIRECTOR/SCRIPT</b>	Michelle Mütschard
<b>STAGE MANAGER</b>	Vicky Lee
<b>SET MANAGER</b>	Stephan Henne
<b>SET DESIGNER</b>	Ingrid Käser
<b>STAGEHANDS</b>	Dev and Ramya Akshintala, Toby Dubach, Greg Chun, Chile Anhut, Silas Mogg
<b>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ELDER</b>	Raja Chintapalli
<b>CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Christine Weeks
<b>IPC SINGERS (ADULT CHOIR)</b>	Chandler Cudlipp
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	
<b>EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE</b>	Leader & Guitar: Joshua Leung
<b>BAND</b>	Piano: Ewa Soluch; Bass: Pawel Marciniak
	Percussion: James Heusser
	Vocals: Joshua Leung, Lydia Meister, Gioia Wunderli
<b>FLUTE</b>	Ruth Tuura
<b>ORGAN &amp; PIANO</b>	Ruth Pfister
<b>BETHLEHEM ASSISTANT</b>	Remi Tobler
<b>COSTUMES</b>	Barbara Bagajo and Lanette Meister
<b>LIGHTING</b>	Raja Chintapalli
<b>SOUND &amp; STREAM</b>	Stephan Heuberger

## Congregational Song Lyrics

### “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

1 Come, Thou long-expected  
Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

3 Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine own sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### “Silent Night” / “Away in a Manger”

1 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.

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!"

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

4 Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

### “Away in a Manger”

1 Away in a manger, no crib for His 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.

## **“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven  
adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of  
Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth.

Refrain:  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
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All glory in the highest.  
Our God has come to save us.  
Emmanuel is with us.

Refrain:  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## **“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!

2 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

3 Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven  
above!  
Glory to God, all  
Glory in the highest!

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

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

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

Refrain 2:  
We give You all the glory,  
We give You all the glory,  
We give You all the glory,  
Christ the Lord.  
We give you all the glory,  
Christ the Lord.

## **“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.

3 No more let sins  
and sorrows 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.

2 Joy to the world,  
the Savior reigns:  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills  
and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

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.