

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2022 • 5:00 PM

“And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.”

~ 1 John 5:20

▶ PRELUDE

▶ CHILDREN’S CHOIR..... *Jesus What a Wonderful Child*

▶ WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP..... 1 John 5:20

▶ CHILDREN’S CHOIR..... *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*



▶ 1ST READING *Light & Darkness, Gen. 1:1-5; 1:26-28,31; 3:4-7, 14-20*
 Rev. Danny Myers

▶ THE HYMN *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



▶ 2ND READING..... *Dawning of a New Light*, Isa. 7:14; 9:2,6-7; Mat. 1:18-24
Mr. Leandro Passos

▶ THE HYMN *What Child is This?* (Hymnal #213)



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.



▶ 3RD READING..... *The Light of Christ*, Luk. 1:26-38; Luk. 2:1-7; Jon. 8:12
Rev. Danny Myers

▶ ANTHEM..... *Immanuel (the Kings' King)* by Paula Stefanovich

Chorus: *Immanuel, Immanuel, Sons come worship and daughters sing. Immanuel, Immanuel, A virgin bears a King.*

Even the kings of the land would journey to see one greater than they; Led by the glow of the light of promise, they longed to be where the kings' King lay.

Chorus: *Immanuel, Immanuel, Sons come worship and daughters sing. Immanuel, Immanuel, A virgin bears a King.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel has come!

Chorus: *Immanuel, Immanuel, Sons come worship and daughters sing. Immanuel, Immanuel, A virgin bears the King of king!*

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O come, O come, Immanuel!

▶ *4TH READING..... *Exaltation & Praise for the Light of the World*, Luk. 2:13-20; Mat. 2:1-12
Mr. Leandro Passos

▶ *THE HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Hymnal #201)

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four verses. The melody is simple and characteristic of the hymn.



a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

▶ THE PRAYER

▶ THE SERMON *The Time Came...*, Rev. Joel Smit

▶ CANDLELIGHTING



▶ ANTHEM..... O Holy Night (Arr. John Rutter)

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.

Chorus: *Fall on your knees. O 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.

Chorus: *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.

Chorus: *Christ is the Lord. O praise His name forever. His power and glory. Evermore proclaim. His power and glory. Evermore proclaim.*

▶ *LITANY OF CANDLELIGHT

The people walking in darkness Isaiah 9:2

Have seen a great light

Arise, Shine, your light has come Isaiah 60:1

And the glory of the Lord shall rise upon you.

For unto you this day is born Luke 2:11

A Savior who is Christ the Lord.

You are the light of the world Mathew 5:14,16

Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.



▶ *THE BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS

▶ *THE CONGREGATIONAL CHORUS *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room. And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing. And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

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.

▶ PRELUDE

*Please join us this Lord's Day for worship
and celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.*

Sunday, December, 25 • 11:00 AM

