



## Morning Worship

### The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

*And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.*

*For the mouth of the Lord has spoken"*

*~ Isaiah 40:1-5*

### Instrumental Prelude

Angie Reeves, pianist

#### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

### Invitation to Worship

#### *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ was born today.  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

#### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

#### **Chorus:**

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

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 as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

***Chorus***

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.

***Chorus***

***In the Bleak Midwinter***

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away  
When He comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man I would do my part,  
Yet what I can I give Him: give Him my heart.

**Lighting the Candle of Joy**

**Jeff, Kari, David & Ellie Helm,**

**with grandparents, Mike & Margaret Helm**

**Words of Joy**

***Luke 2:8-14***

**Advent Prayer**

## **Welcome to Worshipers**

**Christian Johns, Youth Minister**

### **Carol No. 143**

#### ***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.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

##### ***Chorus***

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

##### ***Chorus***

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

##### ***Chorus***

### **ROBC Music Makers Choir (4 years - 2nd grade)**

#### ***Little Donkey***

#### ***Tell the Good News***

#### ***Christmas Bells are Ringing***

### **ROBC Young Musicians Choir (3rd - 6th grades)**

#### ***Jesus Christ is Born***

#### ***Sing a Song on Christmas Morn!***

#### ***¡Gloria en los cielos!***

### **Carol No. 102**

#### ***Joy to the World! The Lord is Come***

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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.

## **Choral Worship**

### ***There Is a Great Joy Coming***

*text by Regan Courtney, music by Beryl Red  
arrangement by Mark Hayes*

**Dr. Sarah Spencer, pianist**

## **Sermon**

**Dr. Steve Laufer, Senior Pastor**

### ***Good News...Great Joy!***

***Luke 2:8-14***

## **Parting Song**

### ***Emmanuel***

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel.

## **Parting Words**

**Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor**

## **Postlude**

**Kathleen Wilkins, organist**