

**Welcome to Christmas Eve worship! This holy night, we sing with the angels:  
“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward [all!]”  
(Luke 2:14, KJV).**

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**NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.**



***Order of Worship***  
***December 24, 2025***  
***7:30 pm***

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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
CHRISTMAS EVE**

**7:30 PM**

**DECEMBER 24, 2025**



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"Prelude"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & CANDLE LIGHTING**

One: Joy to the world! Rejoice, people of God! The light has come into the world.

**All: With the company of heaven and with sounds of great joy, Jesus came to us.**

**This is a time of light and resplendent joy.**

One: Let us worship our with-us God.

**All: Let us sing songs of praise!**

*Reader: Children of God, take a deep breath. We have arrived at this night: Christmas Eve. We have waited and watched for signs of hope, peace, joy, and love in this Advent season. We have prepared him room and looked for wonders of God's love. Tonight we light all five candles, so that as we worship we can repeat the sounding joy of our Savior's birth.*

He came down that we may have hope,\* he

came down that we may have hope,\* he came down that we may

have hope.\* Hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

\* peace, joy, love, life

Text and music: Cameroon traditional; tr. and arr. John Bell (b. 1949)  
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*Reader: Surely, God is in this place. Surely the Spirit is near. Surely love knows our name.*

**All: May we rest in that good news. Unto us a child is born. A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

# 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

*THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> the people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep

darkness—

on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> you have multiplied exultation;<sup>[b]</sup>

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing

plunder.

<sup>4</sup> for the yoke of their burden

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of

Midian.

<sup>5</sup> for all the boots of the tramping

warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood

shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> for a child has been born for us,

a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders,

and he is named

wonderful counselor, mighty God,

everlasting father, prince of peace.

<sup>7</sup> great will be his authority,<sup>[c]</sup>

and there shall be endless peace

for the throne of David and his

kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time onward and

forevermore.

The zeal of the lord of hosts will do this.

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL

LESSON CHRIST: BIRTH

# 113 Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heaven - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo -

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow<sup>[a]</sup> out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup> the spirit of the lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the lord.

<sup>3</sup> his delight shall be in the fear of the lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup> the wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed<sup>[b]</sup> together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> the cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> the nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> they will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

# 147 The First Nowell

\*CHRISTMAS CAROL

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord  
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 their gold, and myrrh, and and with his blood our life hath bought.  
 frankincense.

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

### THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

TITUS 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> for the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and savior,<sup>[b]</sup> Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> he it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

### FAITHFUL HARMONIZERS

*“Glory to God”*

### FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> now the birth of Jesus the messiah<sup>[a]</sup> took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> but just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> she will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> all this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

Which means, “God is with us.” <sup>24</sup> when Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son,<sup>[b]</sup> and he named him Jesus.

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

\*HYMN

# 115

## Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

### SPECIAL READING & TIME OF PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35  
 (Please use "debts & debtors".)*

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

#### CALL FOR OFFERTORY

#### OFFERTORY

Faithful Ringers

*"Chime Lullabye"*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING THE LIGHT:

# Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING SONG #134  
 (LYRICS ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> PAGE)

*"Joy to the World"*

Vs. 1 ONLY

POSTLUDE *"Son of the Father's Love"*

