



December 21, 2022

***Invitation to Praise**

The Praise Team

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;

Chorus: Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God,
Glory in the highest;

Chorus

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing through the night
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their brief delight

Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Chorus

Joy to the World

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 all their songs employ
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

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 man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the new-born king"

Go Tell It On the Mountain

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

***Call to Worship¹** Rev. Amanda Meisenheimer

One: Come, let us gather in peace as we await the coming of Christ.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! With hope let us rejoice!

One: Come, let us sing with joy as we open our hearts for Christ.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! With loving hearts rejoice!

One: Rejoice for the Lord is coming!

All: Let us sing and worship his name!

***Opening Prayer**

***Welcome One Another**

Life of the Community

Call for the Offering

Offertory Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we are going to see the King.

No more crying there...
No more dying there...

Gospel Scripture Lesson Rev. Charlene Wingate
Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob

said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermonic Selection

Praise Team

Sermon

Rev. Adriene Thorne
Gabriel: Sent by God

Holy Communion

Rev. Wingate

Prayer

Rev. Meisenheimer

***Benediction**

Rev. Thorne

***Closing Song**

I Feel Like Goin' On

Today's Musical Leaders:

Sherri Pratt, Missa Thompson, Nathan Tolliver, and Walker Jermaine Jackson.

***Please stand as you are able**

¹Worship Ways

Congregants can park for \$5.00 in the garage below the church after stamping their parking ticket at the rear table.

