



Faith

Community Church

December 20, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*OPENING SONGS - "Angels From The Realms Of Glory"

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing;
Yonder shines the Infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will share His Father's throne;
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

"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 angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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 men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn 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 men 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 newborn King."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

In the past few weeks we have lit candles for hope, peace, and joy. Today we light the candle for love. Prepare the way of the Lord. We light this candle in love, the love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

SONG OF RESPONSE- "O Come All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;	Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!	O sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above!
Come and behold Him- born the King of angels!	Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him!	O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!	O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!	O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.	Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.	For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever-circling years Shall come the time foretold, When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.
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SCRIPTURE- Matthew 1: 18-25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

SERMON – "The Sounds of Christmas"

SONG OF RESPONSE- "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply, Echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "Emmanuel"**

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