



# Faith

Community Church

December 25, 2021  
Christmas Day

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

All God's people— Boys and girls, women, men:

**Come and worship!**

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

**Come and worship!**

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort:

**Come and worship, come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

### \*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 us 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 shall fill 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.

All creation, join in praising  
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One.  
Come and worship,  
Come and worship  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

He came as a baby in a manger.

**O come, let us adore him!**

He came in a lowly stable.

**O come, let us adore him!**

Shepherds brought their worship.

**O come, let us adore him!**

Angels sang his praise and Magi brought their gifts.

**O come, let us adore him! Christ, the Lord!**

### **“O Come, All Ye Faithful (O Come, Let Us Adore Him)”**

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!

### **“Joy To The World”**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;	Joy to the world! The Savior reigns;
Let earth receive her King;	Let men their songs employ;
Let every heart prepare him room,	While fields and floods,
And heaven and nature sing,	Rocks, hills, and plains
And heaven and nature sing,	Repeat the sounding joy,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing	Repeat the sounding joy,
	Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

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.

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

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.**

(The candle is lit)

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation!

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **OFFERING**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH FROM THE BELGIC CONFESSION (Unison)**

**We confess that God fulfilled the promise made to the early fathers and mothers by the mouth of the holy prophets when he sent the only and eternal Son of God into the world at the time appointed. The Son took the “form of a slave” and was made in “human form,” truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, without male participation. And Christ not only assumed human nature as far as the body is concerned but also a real human soul, in order to be a real human being. For since the soul had been lost as well as the body, Christ had to assume them both to save them both together. In this way Christ is truly our Immanuel— that is: “God with us.”**

### **SONG OF PREPARATION- “Away In A Manger”**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed	Be near me Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head	Close by me forever and love me I pray
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay	Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay	Prepare us for heaven to live with Thee there

### **SCRIPTURE- Luke 2: 1-20**

**2** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. <sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to 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. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” <sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

### **SERMON – “What is Advent for? Clarity, Cleansing, Comfort, Courage & Celebration”**

#### **SONG OF RESPONSE- “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is 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!
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**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*DOXOLOGY- "Joy To The World"**

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