



Faith

Community Church

December 25, 2020

PRELUDE

SONGS- "Do You Hear What I Hear"

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see
Way up in the sky little lamb
Do you see what I see
A star, a star dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say
Pray for peace people everywhere
Listen to what I say
The child, the child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

"Beautiful Star Of Bethlehem"

Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem
Shining afar through shadows dim
Giving the light for those who long have gone
Guiding the wise men on their way
Unto the place where Jesus lay
Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on

Oh beautiful star the hope of light
Guiding the pilgrims through the night
Over the mountains 'till the break of dawn
Into the land of perfect day
It will give out a lovely ray
Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on

Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem
Shine upon us until the glory dawns
Give us Thy light to light the way
Unto the land of perfect day
Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem shine on

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GOD'S GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations. Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ is Lord! Joy to the World!

*OPENING SONGS - "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.	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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"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on the 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..." Gloria, in excelsis Deo Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The day we have been waiting for is here! It is Christmas Day! In the past few weeks we have lit candles for hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we light the Christ candle! Joy to the world, the Lord is come! We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world, was born on this day, and he brightens all things.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

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!

STATEMENT OF FAITH – Excerpt from The Nicene Creed

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

*SONG OF PREPARATION- "A Thousand Candles"

We light a thousand candles bright	Yes, over land and sea tonight	Dear brightest star o'er Bethlehem
Around the earth today	The joyful message brings	O let your precious light
And all the beams will shine across	The birth of Him, our Lord and Christ	Shine in with hope and peace toward men
The heaven's grand display	Our Savior and our King	In every home tonight

In all our house so cold and dark
Please send your warmth sublime
The warmth that comes from Jesus' love
This blessed Christmas time

SCRIPTURE- Luke 2: 1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ 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. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ 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 – "The Sights of Christmas"

SONG OF APPLICATION- "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, rocks, hills, and plains
And heaven and nature sing	Repeat the sounding joy
And heaven and nature sing	Repeat the sounding joy
And heaven and heaven and nature sing	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

***BENEDICTION**

***DOXOLOGY- "The Birthday Of A King"**

In the little village of Bethlehem	Alleluia, O how the angels sang
There lay a Child one day	Alleluia, how it rang
And the sky was bright with a holy light	And the sky was bright with a holy light
O'er the place where Jesus lay	'Twas the birthday of a King

'Twas a humble birthplace
But oh how much God gave to us that day
From the manger bed what a path has led
What a perfect holy way

Alleluia, O how the angels sang
Alleluia, how it rang
And the sky was bright with a holy light
'Twas the birthday of a King