



A Gospel Christmas

December 19, 2021

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♠ Indicates congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Lewis

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME Broadway Inspirational Voices

Words: Isaac Watts / Music and Additional Lyrics: Michael McElroy, Joseph Joubert, Buryl Red / Psalm 98, 96:11

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.

Sing, sing great 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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

Joy, God's joy!
Let everybody sing joy to the world.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL Tasha Cobbs

Words: John Wade / Music: Jeff Moore, Dan Galbraith / Luke 2:4-7

Kristin Jones, soloist:

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

♠ Congregation stands and sings:

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The first staff is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues in 4/4 time. The third and fourth staves change to a key signature of three flats (Bb, Eb, Ab) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav' n a - bove; glo - ry to God in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord!

We give You all the glory, we give You all the glory,
We give You all the glory, Christ, Jesus Christ,
You are Christ the Lord!

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♠ WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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♣GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAINAfrican American Spiritual

Words: John Work / Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Dan Galbraith / Luke 2:8-14

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery-where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ is born.



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth

3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



be - hold, through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.

rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.

and God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn.

♣PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....John 1:16-18
(page 886 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: Grace Upon Grace Todd Erickson

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SILENT NIGHT! HOLY NIGHT! Maverick City

Silent Night: Words: Joseph Mohr / Music: Franz Gruber / Luke 2:16

Alleluia: Words and Music: Jerry Sinclair / Luke 2:16



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



round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child. Ho - ly in - fant so, ten - der and
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing, "Al - le - lu -
Ra - diancance beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing



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.

Refrain (after vs. 3)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Lord we love You, Lord we love You, Lord we love You, Lord we love You,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord we love You, Lord we love You, Lord we love You, Lord we love You!

THE FIRST NOEL..... Maverick City

Words: Trad. English Carol / Matthew 1:11, Luke 2:8-16

1. The first No - el the an - gels did say,
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star
 3. Then let us all with one ac - cord

was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 shin - ing in the east to our be - yond them far,
 sing prais - es to our heav - en - ly Lord

in fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep
 and to the earth it gave great light,
 that hath made heav'n and earth of naught,

on a cold, win - ter's night that was so deep.
 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 and with His blood man - kind hath bought.

Refrain

No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el!

Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

◆PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

◆BENEDICTION

◆HALLELUJAH CHORUS (A Soulful Celebration).....Warren, Jackson, Kibble

Music: G.F. Handel, adapted John Higgins; arr. Meroyn Warren, Michael O. Jackson, Mark Kibble / Revelation 11:15

Hallelujah! For the Lord God, omnipotent reigneth.
 The kingdom of this world is become.
 The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
 And He shall reign forever and ever.
 King of kings and Lord of lords.
 And He shall reign forever and ever.
 Hallelujah!

◆Indicates congregation standing

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Gospel Choir: Daija McNeil, Dominique Jones, Sarah Caitlin Wheat, Ashley Frazer, Emily Hale, Jauna Ellis, Kristin Jones, Malaney George, Brenae Johnson, Grace Howard, Lorraine Hughes, Shelbie Pittman, Stephanie Rolfe, Haleigh Boykin, Jessica Uke, Mandy Webb, Eric Hale, Gregory Mason, Julian Cross, Phillip Bond, Chris Pruet, Kendall Magaña, Levi Gresham, Michael Varner, Nick Kokoropoulos, Robert Vestal

Instrumentalists: Ben Hughes, Joe Mariencheck, Andrew McNeill, Kem Gray, Damien Savage, James Ryan

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:00 p.m. Family Service

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

*Nursery is available by reservation only
for the 5:30 p.m. service (ages 3 and under).*

*Limited space is available;
visit 2pc.org/advent to register.*

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**To sign up for Pastor George's
daily Advent devotionals
text ADVENT to (901) 410-9500.**

PJ Story Time

December 21, 6:00 p.m.

Kids come dressed in pajamas to sing songs, enjoy cupcakes, celebrate Jesus' birthday, and hear the Christmas story from Pastor George (*designed for children in 2nd grade and under*).

Family Fellowship Hour

December 26, 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall next Sunday for coffee and scones. Sunday School classes will not meet; the nursery will be closed.

Caring Ministry Fund

Each December, a special collection is taken to benefit the Caring Ministry's mercy fund that provides financial assistance to those in need within our church and in our community. To give to this fund: visit 2pc.org/caring or write a check (*designate "Caring Fund" in the memo line*) and place it in an offering box at the Sanctuary exits.

January Preaching Series

We'll kick off the new year with our annual Gospel Priorities series. Beginning January 9, we will hear from guest pastors and some of our own team during morning and evening worship on the themes of biblical justice, sexuality, and wholistic health. Join us these Sundays for worship as we continue to develop our Christian worldview and seek to become the church Christ has redeemed us to be.

January 9: Walter Strickland, *Associate Research Fellow, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission*

January 16: Hans Medueme, *Associate Professor of Theological Studies, Covenant College*

January 23: Robert Kim, *Assistant Professor of Applied Theology and Church Planting, Covenant Theological Seminary*

January 30: Todd Erickson, *Pastoral Executive, Second Presbyterian Church*

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