



CHRISTMAS EVE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

December 24, 2025

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

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YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

Christmas from A to Z

Hymn – Let all Together Praise Our God (Blue CW #355 – verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

Let all together praise our God before his highest throne;
today he opens heav'n again and gives us his own Son,
and gives us his own Son.

He undertakes a great exchange, puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us his realm, his glory, and his name,
His glory, and his name.

He serves that I a lord may be – a great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me to help me in my need,
To help me in my need?

For us he opens wide the door of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate nor more; to God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

Please stand

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen! We are here to celebrate his Christmas Gift to us.

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Almighty God, we celebrate with joy the coming of Your Son in human flesh – for through his coming we, who are by nature slaves to sin, have been set free! Grant us grace, so we may exercise Your gift of freedom in responsible ways, declaring Your glory in word and deed. We pray in the

name of him whose coming we are celebrating, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever! Amen.

Please be seated

Leader: **A** is for Angel – appearing so bright, telling of Jesus that first Christmas night.

All: “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

Hymn – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Blue CW #331 – verses 8, 13)

Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery,
That you might share your joy with me.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
Within my heart, made clean and new,
A quiet chamber kept for you.

Leader: **B** is for Bethlehem, of prophetic renown, birthplace of Jesus,
King David’s town.

All: “You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” (Micah 5:2)

Hymn – O Little Town of Bethlehem (Blue CW #333 verse 1)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Leader: C is for Cattle – their manger his bed, there in the stable where he
laid his head.

**All: “Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling
cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the
inn.” (Luke 2:7)**

Hymn – Away in a Manger (Blue CW #340 – verse 2)

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes,
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Leader: D is for David and his ancient throne, promised forever to Jesus, his Son.

**All: “Give your son the name JESUS. He will be great and will be called the
Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father
David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will
never end.” (Luke 1:32-33)**

Hymn – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Blue CW #327, verse 4)

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

Leader: E is for East, where shone the bright star which Magi on camels followed so far.

All: “Behold, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” (Matthew 2:1-2)

Hymn – Brightest and Best (Blue CW #373 – verse 1)

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid,
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Leader: F is for Frankincense, with myrrh and gold, brought by the Wise Men, as Matthew has told.

All: “They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of frankincense and of myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)

Hymn – What Child Is This (Blue CW #344, verse 3)

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Leader: G is for God, who from heaven above gave us poor sinners the Son of his love.

All: “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Hymn – God Loved the world So That He Gave (Blue CW #570 verses 1 and 4)

God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives the sins that you have done.
You're justified by Jesus' blood; baptized, you are a child of God.

Leader: H is for Hark! Hark, the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

All: "Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" (Luke 2:13-14)

Hymn – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Blue CW #350 verse 1)

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 th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Leader: I is Immanuel, promised of old, He's "God With Us" – now let his glories be told!

All: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel – which means 'God with us.'" (Matthew 1:22-23)

Hymn – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Blue CW #327 verse 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

DEVOTION

Matthew 1:22-23

Leader: J is for Joseph, so noble and just, obeying God's word with unfailing trust.

All: "When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. He had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name JESUS." (Matthew 1:24-25)

Hymn – Tune of Away in a Manger (Blue CW #341)

See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where he lies.
The shepherds are kneeling with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud Alleluias above.

Leader: K is for King. A true king he would be, coming with pow'r and authority.

All: "Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." (Zechariah 9:9)

Hymn – Come, O Precious Ransom, Come

Hail, Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let your kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail, Hosanna! To our King.

Leader: L is for Love that he brought to earth that night in the stable by his lowly birth.

All: "This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:9-10)

Hymn – Of the Father's Love Begotten (Blue CW #358 verses 1, 2 and 4)

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.

Oh, that birth forever blessed when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face
evermore and evermore.

Let the heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,
pow'rs, dominions bow before him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.

Leader: **M** is for Mary, his mother so brave, counting God faithful, mighty to
save.

All: "Mary said, 'My soul praises the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name.'" (Luke 1:46-49)

Hymn – What Child Is This (Blue CW #344 verse 1)

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are
keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Leader: N is for Night, when the Savior was born. For nations of earth, for
people forlorn.

**All: "There were shepherds out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their
flocks at night. An Angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the
Lord shone around them." (Luke 2:8-9)**

Lighting of candles

Piano Solo – O Holy Night

Please stand

Hymn – Silent Night (Blue CW #337 all verses)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.

Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.

Glories stream from heaven afar,

Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face

With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,

Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Extinguish candles

Please be seated

Leader: **O** is for Open. May our hearts, Lord, be open, wide open, always to Thee.

All: Jesus said, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock! If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

Hymn – Lift Up Your Heads, You Might Gates (Blue CW #305, verses 1 and 5)

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation he will bring; therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise your joyful songs of praise.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with your saving grace; show me your kind and friendly face.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame we offer to your name.

Leader: **P** is for Prophets; God's spokesmen on earth foretold our redemption through Christ's wondrous birth.

All: "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and power, of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." (Isaiah 11:1-2)

Hymn – Behold a Branch is Growing (Blue CW #360 verse 1)

Behold, a branch is growing of loveliest form and grace!
As prophets sang, foreknowing, it springs from Jesse's race and now
begins to flow'r in midst of coldest winter, at deepest midnight hour.

Leader: Q is for Quickly, as shepherds who heard hastened to act on that
heavenly Word.

**All: "The shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this
thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they
hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the
manger." (Luke 2:15-16)**

Hymn – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Blue CW #354 verse 2)

God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!
Only begotten Son of God the Father:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Leader: R is Rejoice! The sorrow of sin is banished forever when Jesus comes in!

**All: "Light is shed upon the righteous, and joy on the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name." (Psalm
97:11-12)**

Hymn – Joy to the World (Blue CW #353 verses 1 and 3)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Leader: **S** is for Savior. To be this he came. The angel of God assigned him his Name.

All: “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. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name JESUS, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20-21)

Hymn – Joy to the World (Blue CW #353 verses 2 and 4)

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.

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.

Leader: **T** is for Tidings, related to all, telling of him who was born in a stall.

All: “When the shepherds had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.” (Luke 2:17-18)

Hymn – God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (Blue CW #356 verse 1)

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ, our Savior, was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

Leader: U is for Us, to whom Jesus was given to show us the Way; to take us to heaven.

**All: “We know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty we might become rich.”
(2 Corinthians 8:9)**

Hymn – From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (Bue CW #331 verse 15)

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us his Son has given,
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth!

Leader: V is for Virgin, foretold by the sage, God’s revelation on prophecy’s page.

**All: “The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, “God With Us.”
(Isaiah 7:14)**

Hymn – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Blue CW #350 verse 2)

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th’ incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Leader: W is Wonderful, his works and his words, the King of all kings, the Lord of all lords.

All: “To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

Hymn – O Jesus, King Most Wonderful (Blue CW #543 verses 1 and 5)

O Jesus, King most wonderful, O Majesty renowned,
O Conqueror invincible, in whom all joys are found.

Oh, may our tongues forever bless and honor you alone,
And may we in our lives express the image of your own!

Leader: **X** is for Christ – it's X in the Greek; Anointed One, mighty Messiah – yet meek.

All: “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power – and made this Jesus who was crucified both Lord and Christ.” (Acts 10:38, 2:36)

Hymn – O Come, All Ye Faithful (Blue CW #354 verse 1)

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!

Leader: **Y** is for Yes! Amen! God's YES in his Word, His answer to all through Jesus our Lord.

All: “No matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the ‘Amen’ is spoken also by us to the glory of God.” (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Hymn – Let Us All with Gladsome Voice (Blue CW #332 verse 3 and 1)

We are rich, for he was poor; is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore here on earth and yonder.

Let us all with gladsome voice praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, his own Son has given.

Leader: **Z** is for Zeal as it burned in Christ's heart. in love, Lord, to us now the same zeal impart.

All: "Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne over his kingdom, establishing it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 9:7)

Hymn – Angels We Have Heard on High (CW #346 verses 1 and 3)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing 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.

Leader: This is God's alphabet for great and small; **Christmas is Jesus**, our Lord and our All.

Musical Offering – "The First Noel" – piano duet

Please stand for prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, we have seen that celebrating Your coming can take us from A to Z. Help us to see that it is even more important that our celebration take us from believing in You to loving You and serving You. We are glad You were born in Bethlehem to be our Savior. Come and live with us now in our homes and in our lives. We pray in Your name, Jesus, as You have taught us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen. We go in peace and joy, knowing that Christ the Savior is born.

Please be seated

Hymn – Let Us All with Gladsome Voice (Blue CW #332 verses 2 and 4)

To this vale of tears he comes, Here to serve in sadness,
That with him in heav'n's fair homes we may reign in gladness.

Christ, our Lord and Savior dear, bless us and be near us.
Grant us now a glad new year. Amen, Jesus, hear us.

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