

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

Perhaps tonight's service has made you interested in learning more about Jesus, who was born to bring redemption for all who believe in Him. Here are some suggestions:

READ | The Bible is God's message of salvation to us. If you do not own a Bible, you are welcome to take one of the copies provided in the pews as our gift to you. The book of Matthew is a good place to begin. It starts with an explanation of the birth of Jesus, and continues with an account of his life, death and resurrection. Pray that God would give you understanding as you study.

MEET & ATTEND | Speak with one of the members or pastors of CHBC to set up a meeting for coffee here on the Hill. We would be happy to talk with you more about Jesus. You can sign up for a six-week study called "Christianity Explained," which answers basic questions about the faith through Bible study and discussion. Finally, we invite you to continue attending the regular services of our church. Details are listed below.

Regular Services:

Sunday Core Seminar Classes, 9:30am
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30am
Sunday Evening Service, 5:00pm
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00pm

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A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

CHORAL PRELUDE | BREAK FORTH O BEAUTEOUS, HEAVENLY LIGHT

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER | CALEB MORELL

CAROL* | O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

*Congregation rises to sing at the end of the one-verse instrumental introduction

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. God of God, Light of Light,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, O
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be -
Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb; Ve - ry
sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

hold Him, born the King of an - gels!
God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted! O come, let us a - dore Him, O
God, all glo - ry in the high - est!
Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

Words: Latin Hymn, ascribed to John Francis Wade (c. 1710-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others
Music: John Francis Wade (c. 1710-1786), Public Domain

BENEDICTION

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND PREPARATION

After the choir sings the postlude, please spend the next few moments silently reflecting on our time together this evening. The piano will resume to mark the conclusion of the service.

Following this interlude of silence, please join us for a cookie reception downstairs in Rooms 5-6. Families with children are also invited to visit "Myrrh and Myrth" in the basement, starting in the 6th and A St entrance foyer.

CHORAL POSTLUDE | BEHOLD THE STAR

Behold the star!
Behold the star up yonder!
Behold the star!
It is the star of Bethlehem.

There was no room found in the inn,
For Him who was born free from sin.

The wise men came from the East
To worship Him, the Prince of Peace.

A song broke forth upon the night:
"Peace on earth, with grace and light!"

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CAROL* | JOY TO THE WORLD!

*Congregation rises to sing at the end of the one-verse instrumental introduction

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King;
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy;
 3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground;
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove

Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare Him room,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 He comes to make His bless-ings flow
 The glo-ries of His righ-teous-ness,

And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture
 Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His

1. And heav'n and na-ture sing, And

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na-ture sing.
 joy, Re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won-ders, won-ders of His love.

heav'n and na-ture sing,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748);

Music: George Frederick Handel (1685-1759), arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), Public Domain

THE FIRST LESSON | GENESIS 3:1-19

THE KING WILL BRUISE THE SERPENT'S HEAD

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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The Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
 cursed are you above all livestock
 and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
 and you shall bruise his heel.”
To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
 in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
 but he shall rule over you.”
And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
 and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
 ‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
 in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
 and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
 you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
 for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
 and to dust you shall return.”

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

THE SEVENTH LESSON | MATTHEW 2:1-12

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

CHORAL RESPONSE | COME, THOU REDEEMER OF THE EARTH

Come, Thou, Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth;
Let every age adoring fall,
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God, in flesh arrayed,
The Savior, now to man displayed.

O equal to Thy Father, Thou!
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now:
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness glow with newborn light;
No more shall night extinguish day,
Where love's bright beams their pow'r display.

O Christ, the spotless Lamb, to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be!
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON | ISAIAH 9:2-7

A GRACIOUS PROMISE OF HOPE

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

CAROL* | HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

*Congregation rises to sing at the end of the one-verse instrumental introduction

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord:
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild; God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
Late in time, be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus our Im - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. George Whitefield (1714-1770)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); arr. William H. Cummings (1831-1915), Public Domain

THE SIXTH LESSON | MATTHEW 1:18-25

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

CAROL* | O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

*Congregation rises to sing at the end of the one-verse instrumental introduction



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one
5. O come, Thou key of Da - vid, come And op - en wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
far and nigh: To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill
heav' - nly home; Make safe the way that lea - ds on high, And



til the Son of God ap - pear.
death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
cause us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-
the whole world with heav - en's peace.
close the path to mis - er - y.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!



Words: Latin Hymn; tr. v. 1, 2, John Mason Neale (1818-1866), tr. v. 3-5, Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954)
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THE THIRD LESSON | ISAIAH 11:1-10

THE RIGHTEOUS REIGN OF THE BRANCH

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him
shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

CAROL* | GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

*Congregation rises to sing at the end of the one-verse instrumental introduction

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright,
4. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - iour Was born on Christ - mas Day;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same;
This day is born a Sav - iour Of a pure Vir - gin bright,
And with true love and broth - er - hood Each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name..
To free all those who trust in Him From Sa - tan's power and might..
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - ers doth de - face.

REFRAIN
O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, Com - fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

THE FIFTH LESSON | MICAH 5:1-5

THE KING WILL SHEPHERD HIS PEOPLE IN PEACE

Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men

CAROL* | COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

*Congregation rises to sing at the end of the one-verse instrumental introduction

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

THE FOURTH LESSON | ISAIAH 55:1-11

THE LORD'S COMFORT FOR ZION

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

“Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

CHORAL RESPONSE | ME-THINKS I SEE AN HEAV'NLY HOST

Shepherd:

Me-thinks I see an heav'nly host of angels on the wing;
Me-thinks I hear their cheerful notes, so merrily they sing.

Angel:

Let all your fears be banish'd hence; glad tidings I proclaim.
For there's a Savior born today, and Jesus is his name.
Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks, to Bethlehem repair;
And let your wand'ring steps be squared by yonder shining star.
Seek not in courts or palaces; nor royal curtains draw;
But search the stable, see your God extended on the straw.

Narrator:

Then learn from hence, ye rural swains, the meekness of your God,
Who left the boundless realms of joy to ransom you with blood.
The master of the inn refus'd a more commodious place;
Ungen'rous Soul of savage mold, and destitute of Grace.

Angel:

Exult, ye oxen, low for joy, ye tenants of the stall,
Pay your obeisance; on your knees unanimously fall.
The royal guest you entertain is not of common birth,
But second in the Great I Am; the God of heav'n and earth.

Narrator:

Then suddenly a heav'nly host around the shepherds throng;
Exulting in the three-fold God, and thus address their song:

Chorus of Angels:

To God the Father, Christ the Son, and Holy Ghost accord;
The first and last, the last and first, eternal praise afford!