

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Christmas Eve

Fort Dodge, Iowa  
December 24, 2024, 7:00 pm

*"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord."*  
– Henri Nouwen

TRINITY BELLS

CHANCEL CHOIR INTROIT

"Emmanuel"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Henrietta Van Maanen

Leader: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

**People: Let earth receive her king!**

Leader: Let every heart prepare him room!

**People: And heaven and nature sing!**

Leader: This Christmas Eve, we light this white candle as a visible sign that Jesus Christ is at the center of our lives and at the heart of this church.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

**People: From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Let us pray to our Lord who has come and is coming again:  
Our heavenly Father, what an indescribable gift is your Son Jesus. Through him you have given us eternal life. Tonight, with hearts full of gratitude and joy, we celebrate and give you thanks. Accept our offering of praise, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN

#41 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

EVENING PRAYER

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"A Christmas Blessing"

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6-7

HYMN

#9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
(vs. 1)

SECOND LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN

#44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
(vs. 1, 4)

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38

GRATEFUL RESPONSE

<https://app.securegive.com/fpcfd>  
#25 "Away in a Manger"  
Prayer of Dedication

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-21

HYMN

#53 "What Child Is This?"  
(vs. 1, 3)

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-14

HYMN

#23 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

#2269 "Come, Share the Lord"  
#521 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Rev. Paul Masters

\*SHARING CHRIST'S LIGHT

#60 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

\*SENDING HYMN

#40 "Joy to the World"

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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*To help you as a visitor, we say "debtors" and "debtors" in the Lord's Prayer. We have the CLC rooms 108/109 available for parents to sit with their children. The service is streamed on a tv in the rooms. We will not have children's church today.*

**Thank you to our volunteers today**

**Ushers:** Lizzie Crowley, Lilly Eastwood & Nora Eastwood

**Communion Servers:** Linda Whiting, Joyce Garton-Natte, Ted Huggins, Cathy Huggins, Gavin Pederson & Annette Julson

**Advent Candle Lighter:** Henrietta Van Maanen

**Readers:** Gavin Pederson, Ted Huggins & Linda Whiting

**Bus Driver:** Don Miller

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**Office Closures**

The office will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**Mitten and Sock Tree**

The Deacons are collecting child-sized gloves, mittens, and socks for local elementary students. There is a container under the tv in the Commons entrance for donations. Please donate by Jan. 3rd. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please talk to Amy in the office.

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**Wednesday Programs Returning**

Wednesday programs will return on January 15<sup>th</sup>.



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## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its  
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

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

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.  
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

# What Child Is This

53

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

English ballad, 16th century

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871

Arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Em D G D Em Am B

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Em D G D Em Am B Em<sup>sus4</sup> Em

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Em<sup>sus4</sup> Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)

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Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,  
 \*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!  
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

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

# Angels We Have Heard on High 23

French carol GLORIA 7.7.7 with refrain French carol  
 Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt. Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?  
 3. Come to Beth-lé - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav - en - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

*Refrain*  
 Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

# 2269 Come, Share the Lord

1. We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is  
 (3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who  
 (5. We'll gath-er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the  
 pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we  
 glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King; now we an -

lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one: }  
 love the most is now our gra - cious host: } Come, take the  
 ti - ci - pate the feast for which we wait: }

*Fine*  
 bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

2. No one is a stran-ger here, — ev - ery - one be -  
 4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is

longs; find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in  
 head; though un - seen he meets us here in the

turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us  
 break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

# Silent Night, Holy Night

60

STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon  
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries  
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - dian  
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,  
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;  
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."  
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.  
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',  
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
 Hirten erst kundgemacht  
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,  
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:  
 Christ der Retter ist da,  
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht  
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,  
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':  
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,  
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

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# Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven 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  
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven 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.

heaven and na - ture sing,

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

You sat-is- fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and grat - i - tude
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured?
4. The mys-tery of Your pres-ence, Lord, No mor - tal tongue can tell:
5. You give Your-self to us, O Lord; Then self - less let us be,

So when You call Your fam-ily, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.  
 That You should count us wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav-en-ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 Whom all the world can - not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 To serve each oth - er in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.