

Servant Songs

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



December 29, 2024

Beverly Heights United

Welcome and Greeting

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Announcements

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Prelude

Selections

Smith

Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Invitation to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the LORD!

People: We worship Christ, the newborn King!

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 208**

vv. 1-3

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 16:1-11

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

Congregational Response **No. 208**

v. 4

O Come, All Ye Faithful

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Almighty God who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit: before You and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins. We have ignored the presence of Your Spirit. We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge. We have been blind to Your coming for those who are hungry, exiled, destitute, sick, and imprisoned. In Your great goodness, put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Unison Christmas Creed

Mr. Peter A. Chace

I believe that Jesus, the Word, was God, but He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. He emptied Himself, took the form of a servant and was born as a human baby. I believe He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death. I believe God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name. I believe that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every knee in heaven and on earth and under the earth. I believe that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, I gladly join with my family of brothers and sisters in Christ and I sing with joy, that Jesus Christ is born. Alleluia! AMEN.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

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

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 in the high - est;
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Carol Medley

Good Christian Men, Rejoice (No. 207)
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (No. 216)
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (No. 211)

Christmas Prayer

O Lord, our God, as we celebrate again the feast of Christmas, we ask You to make us humble and loving like Jesus, Who did not come to be served but to serve, and Who said that it is better to give than to receive, so that in His name we may devote ourselves to You in worship and serve those in need. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Love Came Down At Christmas
Holly Devlin, *soprano*; Elissa Winkler, *mezzo-soprano*

arr. Huntsinger

Congregational Response No. 731

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

All children are invited to remain in worship with their families.

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-14

Sermon

Servant Songs
John the Baptist's Song

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Wagner

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of next page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

***Please note: we will eat together in the pew.
Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.
The Elders are serving bread and wine.
To better serve those with restrictions,
please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.***

Communion Hymn

See, amid the Winter's Snow

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen No. 740

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 224**

vv. 1-3

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction

Postlude

Selections

****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers. Rev. 17:14

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
 saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
 Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

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God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r 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 pow'r and might."
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

HIS BIRTH

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.8.6.8.6.ref.
English melody, 18th cent.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

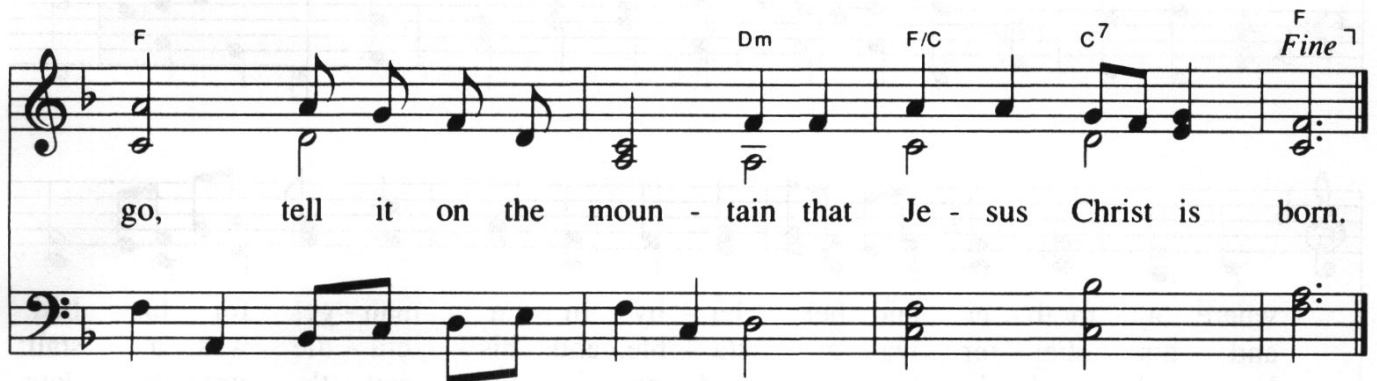
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When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17

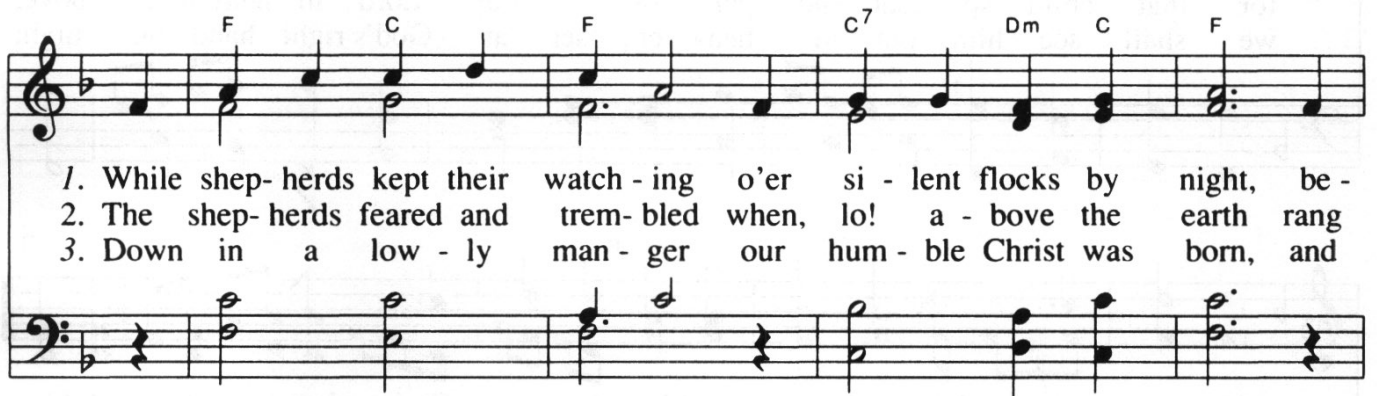
Unison



(Ref.) 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, be-
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a-bove the earth rang
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger our hum-ble Christ was born, and



hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

This Week at Beverly Heights

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Food and Fellowship
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

Church Offices Open 9 AM to 12 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Church Offices Open 9 AM to 12 PM
7:00 PM Lock-In Drop Off

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Church Offices Closed
9:00 AM Lock-In Pick Up

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 AM Worship Service
11:30 AM Linger Longer

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