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THE SPIRIT OF  
CHRISTMAS

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



DECEMBER 28, 2025

# BEVERLY HEIGHTS CHURCH

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

## 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.***

Call 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

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

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

**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

*The Wexford Carol*  
Elissa Winkler, *mezzo-soprano*; Chad Winkler, *piano*

arr. Walters

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 2:22-35

Sermon

**The Spirit of Christmas**  
Spirit of Revelation

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*Selections*

**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 Screen

*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

Pastor Devlin

Postlude

*Selections*

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***\*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.

# Worship at a Glance

## A Brief Overview of our Worship Service and How to Participate

### A Note to Parents

Children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary because we believe the Bible commands us to include children in the worship service. Parents have the privilege of training their children for worship every Lord's Day. We are happy to partner with you in that training. To assist in training, we encourage families with children to sit closer to the front with their kids and make use of the children's worship bags in the sanctuary. Childcare rooms are also available when additional training or discipline is necessary. For more information, feel free to contact Nadine Michalak or Pastor Nate.

### What is a Bulletin?

The bulletin contains our order of worship and includes all the information you need to worship with us on Sundays. The bulletin is not something we simply "work through" but a guide that helps us in our worship of God. Our worship services are approximately 90 minutes.

### Announcements

Announcements about the ministry are given before the worship service begins. In the summer, we include a time of musical instruction as part of the announcements.

### Prelude

The prelude is a musical selection that is played at the beginning of the worship service. During that time, worshipers are encouraged to pray and prepare their hearts and minds for worship. The prelude ends with the "ringing of the hour," which includes the Westminster Chime, followed by a Trinitarian bell.

### Congregational Responses

Worship at Beverly Heights is "dialogical," meaning it is a dialogue between God and His people. The Pastor calls and the congregation responds throughout the service. All responsive readings for the congregation are in **bold**. The congregation also responds by kneeling for confession, standing for the reading of God's word before the sermon, and declaring "Amen" after prayer and song.

### Confessions of Sin and Faith

Each Sunday, the congregation is invited to confess their sins. We first confess corporately, followed by a time of silent and private confession. Everyone is invited to bow their heads and, for those who are able, to kneel for confession. Following the confession of sin, the pastor offers assurance of your forgiveness. The congregation then joins in a unison confession of faith through one of the ecumenical creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon).

### Music

Our worship service includes weekly special music. Normally, the choir (which is the "first-fruit" of the voice) sings an anthem on behalf of the congregation. When the choir is in recess, special music is offered by soloists or ensembles. We refrain from clapping for these musical offerings but respond as a congregation by lifting up our hands and singing the Doxology *a cappella*. All congregational music for the service can be found in the bulletin, the Trinity Hymnbook, or the Summer Psalter. Our Director of Music cantors to assist the congregation in singing.

### Scripture Readings

There are two scripture lessons during the worship service, normally one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We always stand for the reading before the sermon in keeping with the model found in Nehemiah 8:5.

### Sermon

The preaching of the word is understood as a direct address by God through the preacher to the congregation. Our sermons are predominantly exegetical (derived from the text) but sometimes topical. Most sermons will include an introduction, an explanation of the text, an application, and a takeaway (call to action).

### Offering

Every Lord's Day includes the opportunity to present an offering to the Lord in the form of gifts, tithes, offerings, and prayers. (A "tithes" is defined by the scriptures as a tenth of our income.)

### Pastoral Prayer

Following the offering, a pastoral prayer is made on behalf of the congregation. The subject of the prayer varies weekly, and worshipers are encouraged to join in the prayer by faith.

### Communion

We practice weekly communion in worship. All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper (See additional note in bulletin). Worshipers come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and wine, but all partake of the elements together in the pews. As you receive the elements, the congregation is invited to sing. After communion, there is a "Eucharistic" (thanksgiving) prayer, followed by the singing of the threefold "Amen."

### Closing

After communion, the congregation sings a closing hymn or Psalm, followed by the benediction. The benediction is a blessing given by God to the congregation by the pastor. All worshipers are encouraged to stretch out their hands as a gesture of receptivity as they receive the benediction.

### Postlude

The service ends with the playing of a postlude.

## THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

10:00 AM    Worship Service

11:30 AM    Linger Longer

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 29**

*Church Offices Closed*

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

*Church Offices Open 9 AM to 12 PM*

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

*Church Offices Open 9 AM to 12 PM*

7:00 PM    Lock-In Drop Off

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 1**

*Church Offices Closed*

9:00 AM    Lock-In Pick Up

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 2**

*Church Offices Open 9 AM to 12 PM*

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 3**

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

10:00 AM    Worship Service

11:30 AM    Linger Longer

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