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~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

10:45 AM

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! If you are visiting with us, we are so glad you came. Children are welcome throughout our worship service. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children ages 4-5 may be dismissed to Children's Church prior to the sermon.

*Christmas Carol - The First Noel

The first noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay — In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest, over Bethlehem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, And offered there, in His presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

Invocation

***Christmas Carol - O Little Town of Bethlehem #201**

Lighting of the Advent Candle - The Birth of Jesus Foretold
Luke 1:26-38
The Berry Family

***Christmas Carol - Good Christian Men, Rejoice #207**

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed (325 A.D.)

We believe in one God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we

believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Christmas Carol - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings**

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray;

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our heavenly Father, This blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Worshipping God Most High.

*O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
[Written and arranged by Brian Scott Bennett, 2004]

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Ministry of Prayer - RE Mike Alred

Worshiping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings

Ministry of the Word - *The Carols of Christmas: "We Three Kings"*

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Caleb Ehmke

***Hymn of Response** - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus #196 (vs 1)

***Benediction**

Postlude

* those who are able, please stand.

+If you would like to speak with someone about how to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please see the pastor or elders after the service.

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~Evening Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - November 27, 2022

6:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship - John 1:1-5, 14

Invocation

***Hymn of Worship** - Hark, the Herald Angels Sing #203

Confession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (p 845)

***Hymn of Praise** - O Come All Ye Faithful #208 (1,3,4)

Old Testament Reading - Micah 5:2-5 (responsive)

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.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** - Go, Tell it On the Mountain #224

Ministry of Prayer

Ministry of the Word - *Advent Songs*: "The Magnificent"

Luke 1:46-56

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response** - What Child is This? #213

Postlude