

"PRAISE IN PAJAMAS"

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 25, 2011

Children are invited as they enter to go to the chancel area at the front and choose to dress as an angel, a shepherd, or a king.

Prelude

Greeting

*Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
we too with thither bend our joyful footsteps;
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Welcome

Prayer (in unison)

Holy and great God, we praise you this morning for all you have done to come to us at Christmas. As we worship you and celebrate the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, help us sense that you have drawn near to us even now. Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds, and the generosity of the kings. Through your Spirit, make our lives be better reflections of Jesus' glory. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Around the Christmas Tree with the Co-Pastors' Family

The Christmas Story

The Journey of Joseph and Mary

Carol

Away in a Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

The Good News that the Angels Told

Carol as Angels Come

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*It came upon a midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.*

Carol*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

The Journey of the Shepherds**Carol as Shepherds Come***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.*

Carol*What Child is This*

*What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

The Journey of the Three Kings**Carol as Kings Come***We Three Kings*

*We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.*

Carol as Kings Journey We Three Kings

*Oh – Oh, star of wonder, star of light,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Carol

Silent Night

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.*

Around the Christmas Tree

***Carol**

Joy to the World

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Responding to the Good News

Offering Our Prayers, Ourselves, and Our Gifts to God

*Carol *Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.*

Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

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*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

*See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.
Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!
Glo - - - - -ri - a, in excelsis Deo!*

*Sending Forth and Blessing

*Postlude

Worship Leaders:

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WORSHIP ATTENDENCE

25 December 2011

Date

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1

CHOIR

2

LEFT AMEN

1

LEFT

6

CENTER

55

RIGHT

28

RIGHT AMEN

1

BALCONY

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NURSERY

TOTAL

96