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First Sunday of Christmas – December 26th, 2021 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

**We are here because we have heard a promise of peace
and we have faith its day will come
we have heard a rumor of justice and we have faith its day will come
we have heard a whisper of hope and we have faith its day will come
we have heard a hint of love and we have faith its day will come
we have heard of the birth of the Christ-child and we have faith his day is here.**

Welcome to Christmas Welcome to worship

Opening Prayer

Christmas Carols *He Is Born*

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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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Angels We have Heard on High

UMH 238

O Come, All Ye Faithful (1-3)

UMH 234

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Gracious God,
we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child,
those who dropped all that they were doing
and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world.
We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability;
who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child,
that he might know love and safety.

And yet, merciful God,
we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod.
Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions,
find our own need for control more compelling
than the needs of others for health and safety.
Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege,
rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed.
Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents
for the sake of profit, or power,
or because we fear to know, and to change,
the injustices of this world.

Loving God,

**we confess our sins against you and one another,
and pray that you will fill us with your light,
that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name,
without counting the cost.**

**In the name of Christ,
the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

**God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it.
God's grace is in the world, and our missteps will not overcome it.
We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

Scripture Reading **I Cor. 15:1; 2 Cor 10:7; 2 Peter 1:12**

Sermon Twelve Days of Christmas Rev. Deb Lampton

Communion & the Lord's Prayer

Christmas Carol *Go Tell It on the Mountain* *UMH 251*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:
News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow and he is in the manger
now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss:
News, news! Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and ye are blest
forever more. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice: now ye need not fear the grave:
News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting
hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

He Is Born

**He is born, the holy Child, play the obe and bagpipes merrily! He is born, the holy Child, sing
we all of the Savior mild.**

Thru long ages of the past, prophets have foretold his coming; thru long ages of the past, now
the time has come at last! **Refrain**

O how lovely, O how pure is the perfect child of heaven; O how lovely, O how pure, gracious gift
to humankind! **Refrain**

Jesus, Lord of all the world, coming as a child among us, Jesus, Lord of all the world, grant to us
thy heavenly peace. **Refrain**

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 triumphs of the skies; with th'angelic
host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. **Refrain**

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. **Refrain**

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.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? **Refrain**

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angel's sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. **Refrain**

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angel's praise; Mary Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. **Refrain**

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.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb; Son of the Father, begotten, not created; **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **Refrain**

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain**