

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM Worship Service

Advent Reading - Mary and the Angel: *Luke 1:28-34, 37-38*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 9:6*

*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.*

God's Greeting

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, 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 men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!
Call you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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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, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary load, and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When, with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own the Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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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;

Refrain: 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; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Psalm 105:3-4*

***Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!***

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Philippians 4:19*

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: there is room in my heart for Thee!

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set Thy people free,
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn they bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus: there is room in my heart for Thee!

When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory.
Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee."
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest and callest me.

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Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Offertory Ministry of Music: *Light of the World*

Morning Prayer

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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Scripture: *Isaiah 7:1-16 (ESV)*

¹ *In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it.* ² *When the house of David was told, “Syria is in league with Ephraim,” the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.*

³ *And the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer’s Field.”* ⁴ *And say to him, “Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah.*

⁵ *Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying,*

⁶ *“Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeal as king in the midst of it,”* ⁷ *thus says the Lord GOD:*

“It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass.

⁸ *For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin.*

And within sixty-five years

Ephraim will be shattered from being a people.

⁹ *And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,*

and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.

If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.”

¹⁰ *Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”* ¹² *But Ahaz said,*

“I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ *And he said,*

“Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also?

¹⁴ *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.* ¹⁵ *He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.* ¹⁶ *For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The News of Immanuel*

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 the 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 the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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God’s Blessing

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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 man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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