

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
December 19, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM Worship Service

Advent Reading – Joseph and the Angel: *Matthew 1:19-21, 24*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayer

Call to Worship: *based on Isaiah 40:3*

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

**As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God’s dramatic work in our midst,
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.**

Let us worship God.

God’s Greeting

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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His Glorious Name

His glorious name shall be called Wonderful.
His matchless name shall be called Counselor,
The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace thro’ all eternity.
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(“His Glorious Name” words from Isaiah 9:6, music Jean Sibelius © Breikopf and Hartell, Wiesbaden, CCLI #358926 Streaming #2031793)

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us; His name is called Emmanuel. *Repeat All*

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Call to Confession

**O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.**

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Matthew 1:21

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.*

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed;
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
The little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay;
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care;
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

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Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music: *What Child Is This?*

Offering: ThereforeGo Ministries

Morning Prayer

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

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Scripture: *Isaiah 11:1-10, 16 (ESV)*

¹ *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

² *And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.*

³ *And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,*

⁴ *but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*

⁵ *Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.*

⁶ *The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.*

⁷ *The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

⁸ *The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.*

⁹ *They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.*

¹⁰ *In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—
of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*

¹⁶ *And there will be a highway from Assyria
for the remnant that remains of his people,
as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *A Little Boy Shall Lead Them*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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God's Blessing

Angels We Have Heard on High

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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