

First Christian Reformed Church  
Lynden, Washington  
December 25, 2021 ~ Christmas Day  
10:00 AM Worship Service

**Advent Reading – Jesus, John, and the Holy Spirit**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Prayer**

**Call to Worship:** *based on Isaiah 9:2*

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

**God's Greeting**

***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 men 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.

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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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***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."

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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## **The Christmas Story - Luke 2**

**Ministry of Music:** *Peace, Peace*

### ***The First Noel***

The first noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields where 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!

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!

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## **Prayer**

Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.  
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

**O Lord, give us peace.**

Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.  
May his birth among us renew your hope.

**O Lord, give us hope.**

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords.  
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

**O Lord, give us joy.**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***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.*

**Offertory Prayer and Offering:** Christian Hope Association

**Offertory Ministry of Music:** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

### ***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.

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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**Scripture:** *Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> *And you will say in that day:*

*“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.*

<sup>2</sup> *“Behold, God is my salvation;*

*I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”*

<sup>3</sup> *With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

<sup>4</sup> *And you will say in that day:*

*“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.*

<sup>5</sup> *“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.”*

<sup>6</sup> *Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

**Romans 8:31-32 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

<sup>32</sup> *He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all,  
how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *What Then Shall We Say to These Things?*

**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 forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

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**God’s Blessing**

**Glory to God (Ere Zij God)**

Glory to God! Glory to God  
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
To the people whom God delights in.  
Glory to God in the highest! Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth  
To the people, to the people whom God delights in.  
To the people whom God delights in, whom God delights in.  
Glory to God! Glory to God  
In the highest, in the highest, in the highest!  
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,  
To the people whom God delights in. Amen. Amen.

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Ere zij God! Ere zij God  
In den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,  
In de mensen een welbehagen.  
Ere zij God in den hoge! Ere zij God in den hoge!  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde  
In de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen,  
In de mensen een welbehagen, een welbehagen  
Ere zij God! Ere zij God  
In den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!  
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,  
In de mensen een welbehagen. Amen. Amen.

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