



Let's Worship!

December 13th, 2020 — 10:30 AM

3rd Sunday of Advent- Communion Sunday— WI-14 WO-40

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader Barbara Cain; Worship Production Norris Clark; Transformation Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho

WORSHIP YOUR WAY!

Join us for *Worship Online*: www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch. Note: new call-in details for better security. PLEASE REMEMBER TO ENTER THE PASSCODE!

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Join us for *Worship In-person*. Seating is limited. Protocols are required for everyone's safety, including no congregational singing, maintaining a six-foot distance, and face masks must be worn at all times. Hand sanitizers and masks are available. Words in **bold** and music to be softly spoken if in-person. If online, sing aloud! If in-person, softly hum, or sing in spirit!



WORSHIP PREVIEW

This third week of Advent is all about the Who of You! This Christmas is unlike any other. Uncertain times. Uncertain future. Christmas this year will definitely not be like Christmas' of the past. So now, more than ever, its important to know who you are. Who you *really* are! John the Baptist knew who he was. He pointed people to the Light of Jesus. The religious leaders (who thought they knew everything) demanded to know who John was. Find out John's response and get help answering that question for yourself just in time for the holidays in Pastor Kevin's message, "Who Are You?". We will hear

Isaiah's prophetic message of hope for all

people, the very message Jesus claimed as his own and fulfilled.

Get ready: How would you answer the question posed to John when asked, "Who are you?" While your birth certificate states your name, who you really are goes way beyond our name. Who you are is connected to who you follow, what you do, and in whom do you trust. Clues to help with the Who of You can be found in your calendar. Where do you invest your time, energy, and attention? In the last hour, what was your focus and attention directed towards? Who do your activities say you are? If they align, if they are congruent with who you *really* are, who you *want* to be, then great. Keep doing those things. But if not, don't despair, because every day is a new opportunity to reaffirm who you really are with what you actually do. Who God has called you to be? Listen. This week you can find hope and encouragement to live your very best life, the abundant Life that Jesus promised you!

MUSIC PREVIEW

This week's carol is *The First Noel* which dates back to at least the 17th century. In 1823 William B. Sandys and Davies Gilbert edited and added lyrics to create the version we sing today. *Noel* is the French word, meaning Christmas, which is derived from the

Latin word *natalis*, which means birth. We will also enjoy *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* sung by Barbara Cain with Jayne McDonough accompanying her on our grand piano. Unitarian minister Edmund Hamilton Sears wrote his carol, *The Angel's Song –It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*, from the well springs of his profound faith in God and the belief that through the centuries, God sends his emissary angels to earth with a resounding message of peace.

5-MINUTE CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN VIDEO: (01-10:25)

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH: (02- 10:27:30)

WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO: (10:30)

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): THE FIRST NOEL

Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to Bethlehem's shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 2

Then wise from a country far
Looked up and saw a guiding star
They traveled on by night and day
To reach the place where Jesus lay

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 3

At Bethlehem they entered in
On blended knee they worshipped him
They offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, And frankincense

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Verse 4

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly lord
For Christ has our salvations wrought
And with his blood mankind has bought

Chorus

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON): (10:35)

Welcome to our Advent faith adventure as we remember the many messengers of faith who preceded us. In our own ways we will prepare the way of Christ as we sing songs of joy and tell stories of hope. God leads the way with joy. Let us worship God!

GOD WELCOMES ALL, (UNISON) (04-10:35)

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

Today we light the second Advent candle, the candle of joy. In Luke 2, verse 10, the angel told the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord." Jesus' birth brings us great joy. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

Loving God, as we hear your word proclaimed, keep our hearts and minds open to the Good News as we learn, grow, and serve. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 61:1-4 (NIV)

0:20

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 (NIV)

0:30

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

**MESSAGE FOR KIDS: THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:6-8, 24-28 (MSG)

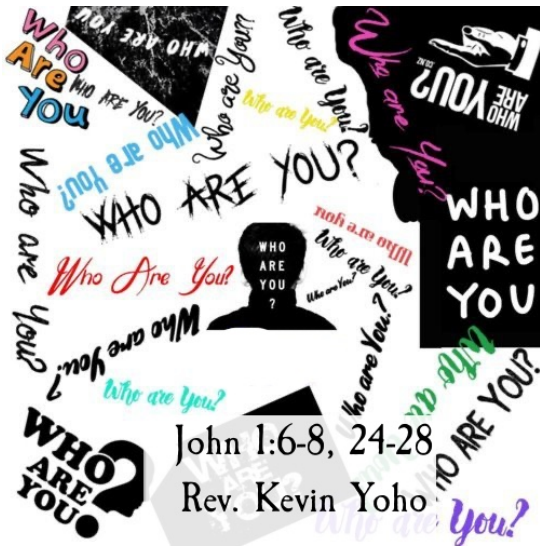
1:45

There once was a man, his name John, sent by God to point out the way to the Life-Light. He came to show everyone where to look, who to believe in. John was not himself the Light; he was there to show the way to the Light.

When Jews from Jerusalem sent a group of priests and officials to ask John who he was, he was completely honest.

He didn't evade the question. He told the plain truth: "I am not the Messiah." They pressed him, "Who, then? Elijah?" "I am not. "The Prophet?" "No." Exasperated, they said, "Who, then? We need an answer for those who sent us. Tell us something—anything!—about yourself."

"I'm thunder in the desert: 'Make the road straight for God!' I'm doing what the prophet Isaiah preached."



MESSAGE — WHO ARE YOU?

JOHN 1:6-8, 24-28 • REV. KEVIN YOHO

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:

John 1:6-8, 24-28

Rev. Kevin Yoho

CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

God loves you and nothing separates you from God's love. In a spirit of gratitude and honesty, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS:

Loving God, forgive us our sins, hurting or neglecting others, missing opportunities to serve. Help us turn around and live like Jesus, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION: (07)

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven to show real love, grace, mercy, joy, peace... the fruit of the Spirit!

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

THE GLORIA (SPOKEN) (08)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:

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PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN) (09)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above the heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

IN REMEMBRANCE AND IN CELEBRATION

Though we are not distributing individual poinsettias this year due to the pandemic, you may still recognize loved ones during the Christmas season who will be included in a special publication at no charge. Email the individual honored, either in memory or in honor of, and include your name. Those wishing to help defray the cost of sanctuary poinsettias may contribute \$10 (cash or check to CSPC, or online).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

12/13: Mourning the passing of Helen Lincoln; Renie G convalescing at home. Dennis, Jr., cancer; 12/6: Pets needing adoption; Quick distribution of vaccine to slow pandemic. 11/29: Mourning the passing of Joan Armstrong, Baby Theodore, requiring surgery. 11/22: Matt S., recovering from heart procedure; passing of Brian McCue, Jr. 11/15: prayers for calmness in the future; for church families to stay safe & a vaccine for covid-19 ASAP.



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Parents and guardians as schools re-open in-person and online. Frontline caregivers. Our congregation, community, area church's and businesses. Those grieving lost loved ones, friends, and co-workers. Those in the military and front-line workers.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

December 15 - Bess Lapsley; December 19 - Verna Shifflet

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

MUSIC: BARBARA CAIN, JAYNE McDONOUGH, IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Verse 1

It came upon the 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 men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

Once we were strangers, **Now we are neighbors.**
Once we were strangers, **Now we are friends.**

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO (11:03)

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

(In-person worshippers may now depart in peace.)

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Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown: CCLI #4662491
2. (02) The First Noel: CCLI #31047
3. (05) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (08) Gloria: Public Domain
5. (09) Doxology: CCLI #4255578
6. (10) It Came Upon A Midnight Clear: CCLI #31078