



Let's Worship Christ, the Lord!

December 24th, 2020—5:00 PM

Christmas Eve— WO-41

An Online Worship Experience

Tonight's worship team: Music Director Jayne McDonough, Worship Leader Barbara Cain;



Special Music: Lenore Bowne, Barbara Cain, and Jayne McDonough; Worship Production Norris Clark; Transformation Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Kevin Yoho

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WORSHIP PREVIEW

MUSIC PREVIEW:

5-MINUTE COUNTDOWN VIDEO: (01)	(4:55)
PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH: (02)	(4:57:30)
WELCOME: REV. KEVIN YOHO:	(5:00)
MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): JOY TO THE WORLD: (03-1:52)	

Verse 1

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing

And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Verse 2

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

Verse 3

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 and wonders of His love

CALL TO WORSHIP (UNISON):

(5:02)

**Welcome to a celebration like no other! Merry Christmas!
Rejoice! God is here. Christ our Savior is born Hallelujah! AMEN.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Tonight we light the Christ candle. Jesus is the Light of *the* world. Jesus is the Light of *our* world, right where we are! God is here!

MUSIC DUET-BARBARA CAIN & JAYNE McDONOUGH

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH: (2:50)

(5:03)

CALL TO RECONCILIATION:

(5:06)

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 and share Christmas Joy. Help us turn around to live like Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION: (07)

HEAR THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God, we *are* forgiven! AMEN.

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF GRATITUDE:

(5:07)

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON):

God of Surprising Love and Hope, at the end of the Advent road, we look on the Child born to our world. Open our hearts tonight to Hear the story like it's the first time; Feel the story in a fresh way; Touch the story so we can carry its hope to all we meet. As we hear Good News proclaimed, keep our hearts and minds open to Christmas Joy as we learn, grow, and serve. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)

(5:08)

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): AWAY IN A MANGER: (2:15)

(5:10)

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes
But 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

Verse 3

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

**MESSAGE FOR KIDS: PRESENTS NOT UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE
PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

(5:13)

MUSIC - SOLO, LENORE BOWNE, IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER: (2:55)

(5:16)

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2:1-20 (MSG)

(5:19)

About that time Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone had to travel to his own ancestral hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's town, for the census. As a descendant of David, he had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was pregnant.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped

him in a blanket and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.

There were shepherders camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger." At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us." They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherders were impressed. Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they'd been told!

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM: (3:10)

(5:22)

Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light

The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

Verse 2

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace upon the earth

Verse 3

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

Verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

MESSAGE— HOW TO LOCATE CHRISTMAS JOY IN UNCERTAIN TIMES (5:25)

• **REV. KEVIN YOHO**

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just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION: (05)

(5:40)

SILENT NIGHT: (3:18)

(5:41)

Verse 1

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Verse 2

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Verse 3

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

FRESH EXPRESSION OF COMMUNITY

(5:45)

Once we were in darkness, **Now we share the Light of Jesus!**
Once we were strangers, **Now we are neighbors.**
Once we were strangers, **Now we are friends.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

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Thank you for sharing your Christmas Joy with friends and family, and your Facebook and Instagram friends, too!

Notes for Tonight's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown CCLI #4662491
2. (02) Joy to the World: CCLI # 24016
3. (03) Angels We Have Heard on High: CCLI #3196504
4. (04) Away in a Manger: CCLI #322031
5. (05) In The Bleak Midwinter: CCLI #294736
6. (06) O Little Town of Bethlehem: CCLI #1741697
7. (07) Silent Night: CCLI #27862