



Let's Worship!

December 27th, 2020—10:30 AM

1st Sunday After Christmas

42nd Week of Worship Online • 16th Week In-person

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 or In-Person!

Online: www.facebook.com/coldspringchurch.

Phone: Call: 929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 882 3154 2428. Passcode: 1714

Online: *Dear online worshipping friends: We apologize in advance should our live stream be interrupted (again!) by Facebook. We are working with Facebook and the music publisher to honor our music licenses and resolve these issues. Should you experience an interrupted live stream, please rejoin as soon as we are back online! Thank you for your patience.*

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 or hum tune if in-person. If online, sing aloud!



WORSHIP PREVIEW

This is the first Sunday after Christmas, and the last worship service of 2020. In these *still* uncertain pandemic times, we join in with all of creation to sing praises to God. Maybe you don't feel like singing! That's understandable. But God is here. With you. With us. And God's grace is greater than any pandemic, any problem, and God's abundant forgiveness is greater than all our sin. Sure, 2020 has left us out of sorts in every dimension of our life. We mourn lost loved ones. We grieve lost traditions. The Christmas Story proclaims that God is with us, Emmanuel, Jesus. That's why we can celebrate.

In our Gospel reading we will witness the astounding effect the Christ Child had on those who met him, including Simeon and Anna. When Jesus is consecrated in the temple at 40 days of age, Simeon proclaims, "I have waited my entire life to see the Messiah, now I can die in peace." Anna's response is appears opposite that of Simeon's, but is just as dramatic when she says upon seeing Jesus, "I have waited my entire life to see the Messiah, now I can truly live!" The message this week, *The Christmas Nudge*, asks us what our response is as we encounter Jesus today? Like Simeon and Anna, we too can feel God's nudge to experience Jesus this year, as never before!

MUSIC PREVIEW

We begin worship with *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. The origins of this 18th century hymn has spread worldwide and is used by many denominations in every language imaginable. in both Latin and other versions.

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

PRELUDE JAYNE McDONOUGH: (10:27:30)

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

MUSIC (VIDEO LYRICS): O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (02 - 3:32)

Verse 1

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
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 2

God of God
Light of light
Lo He abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten not created
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Verse 3

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above
Glory to God
In the highest
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

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

Welcome to our Christmas faith adventure as we celebrate Jesus' presence and sing songs of joy and tell stories of hope. God is with us in joy. Let us worship Christ, the newborn King!

GOD WELCOMES ALL, (UNISON) (03-10:35)

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

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 61:10-62:3 (NIV)

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS: *MAKING CHRISTMAS LAST*

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2:22-40 (MSG)

Then when the days stipulated by Moses for purification were complete, they took him up to Jerusalem to offer him to God as commanded in God's Law: "Every male who opens the womb shall be a holy offering to God," and also

to sacrifice the “pair of doves or two young pigeons” prescribed in God’s Law.

In Jerusalem at the time, there was a man, Simeon by name, a good man, a man who lived in the prayerful expectancy of help for Israel. And the Holy Spirit was on him. The Holy Spirit had shown him that he would see the Messiah of God before he died. Led by the Spirit, he entered the Temple. As the parents of the child Jesus brought him in to carry out the rituals of the Law, Simeon took him into his arms and blessed God: God, you can now release your servant; release me in peace as you promised. With my own eyes I’ve seen your salvation; it’s now out in the open for everyone to see: A God-revealing light to the non-Jewish nations, and of glory for your people Israel.

Jesus’ father and mother were speechless with surprise at these words. Simeon went on to bless them, and said to Mary his mother; This child marks both the failure and the recovery of many in Israel; A figure misunderstood and contradicted— the pain of a sword-thrust through you — But the rejection will force honesty, as God reveals who they really are.

Anna the prophetess was also there, a daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher. She was by now a very old woman. She had been married seven years and a widow for eighty-four. She never left the Temple area, worshiping night and day with her fastings and prayers. At the very time Simeon was praying, she showed up, broke into an anthem of praise to God, and talked about the child to all who were waiting expectantly for the freeing of Jerusalem.

When they finished everything required by God in the Law, they returned to Galilee and their own town, Nazareth. There the child grew strong in body and wise in spirit. And the grace of God was on him.

1:45

MESSAGE— WHAT ANNA AND SIMEON SAW: THE CHRISTMAS NUDGE

**LUKE 2:22-40 • REV. KEVIN YOHO
PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION:**

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:

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) (04)

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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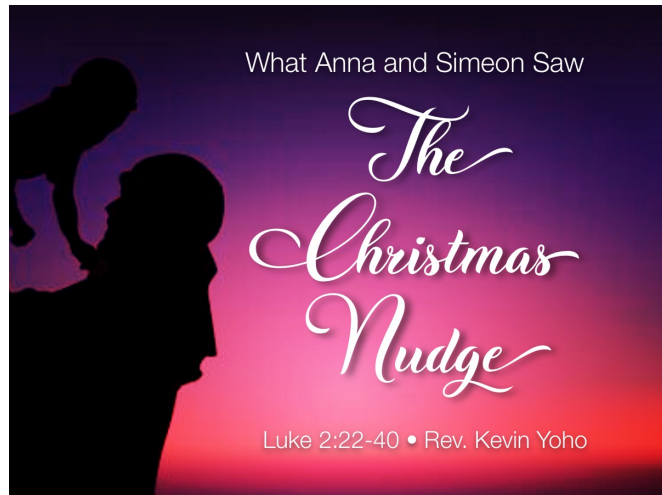
PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY (SPOKEN) (05)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

12/20: Mike Cole, brain cancer; Mike and Cindy COVID-19; Pam Smith and Tara Garten mission trip to Alabama; Jake Lincoln, COVID-19; Bob Arnott, COVID-19; Paul Hagy with COPD; Dennis McDonough, Jr for cancer; Brenda Cunningham, cancer:12/13: Mourning the passing of Helen Lincoln; Renie G convalescing at



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home. 12/6: For pets up for adoption; for a quick delivery of new vaccine to slow pandemic 11/29: Mourning the passing of Joan Armstrong, Baby Theodore; born with Hirschsprung Disease, requiring surgery; 11/22: Matt S., recovering from heart procedure; passing of Brian McCue, Jr. 11/15: prayers for calmness in the future; for all families to stay safe.

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 28 - Pamela Barsby, December 30 - Jim & Rebecca McCaughey

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

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

So glad you've joined us in-person or online. Please share your joy and worship experience with your family and friends, wherever they may be located. Thank you for Liking our pages and sharing our ministry with your Facebook and Instagram friends. Invite them to view worship on our Facebook page anytime, and to join us live next week, either in-person or online. Merry Christmas!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown: CCLI #4662491
2. (02) O Come All Ye Faithful : CCLI #4758525
3. (03) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. (04) Gloria: Public Domain
5. (05) Doxology: CCLI #4255578