



Let's Worship!

December 25, 2022 — 10:30 AM

Christmas Sunday

A Hybrid Worship Experience, In-Person and Online

Today's worship team:

Music Director: Jayne McDonough. Worship Leader: Beverly Mate. Message: Norris Clark.

WELCOME!

YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE!

So glad you're here today! Merry Christmas. Enjoy worship with your neighbors and be spiritually energized. Join us in-person in our beautiful, historic Red Brick Church or online: www.coldspringworship.com.

WORSHIP PREVIEW

This is Christmas Sunday we join with all of creation to sing praises to God. Why, you might ask? Good question. Maybe we don't feel like singing! Do we feel a bit lost? Uncertain times to be sure. That's understandable. But God is not lost! We sing praises to God because God is here and will never leave us alone. God with us, Emmanuel. God's grace is greater than any pandemic, any problem, and God's abundant forgiveness is greater than all our sin. Sure, we can feel a bit lost from time to time. It's O.K., though...we're in good company.

This week's Gospel recalls the angel's appearance to the shepherds on the hill who were told to look for a sign of the Messiah's birth. What sign were they given? God has given us signs, too. Where do the signs of hope and redemption in the Jesus story point for you this Christmas as we look for the Messiah in our midst today?

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. Jayne will accompany Beverly Mate singing *Born is the Light of the World*. Written by composer Sally Deford, she says. "It was Christmas time, and I was looking at a beautiful painting of the Christ Child and His mother. The artist used light to surround Jesus' head, and to illuminate Mary's face beautifully, and as I focused on the areas of light, I began to simply describe the painting in this lyric. Thus, the "starlight of silver," the "halo of gold," and the radiance of the Baby shining on the face of His mother.

We conclude our worship singing *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*. Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody. Let's rejoice!



5-MINUTE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN VIDEO

PRELUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

WELCOME: NORRIS CLARK

MUSIC: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

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

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

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)

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)

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (UNISON)

Loving God, open our hearts and minds
to the Christmas News as we learn, grow,
and serve. Amen.

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

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.

MESSAGE FOR KIDS:

PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

SOLO: *BORN IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD* - BEVERLY MATE

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 2:8-12 (NIV)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were

terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. *This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.*”



MESSAGE — SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS NORRIS CLARK
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 God's love, grace, mercy, joy, peace to our world.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

THE GLORIA

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

If you believe in our mission, thank you for supporting our mission! You may use the Giving Box as an usher passes, or give as you leave or online.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

THE DOXOLOGY

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.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Happy birthday to Pamela Barsby (12/28)
and Bob Stiles (1/3). Anniversary blessings
to Jim & Rebecca McCaughey (12/30).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Start the new year with spiritual energy!
Join us for our very special New Year's
worship and communion next week,
January 1, 2023!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us pray for: the family & friends of
Verna Schiflett on her passing. Those
traveling this week including members of

the Meyers, Imperato and Mate families, Larry Moyer and Pam and Tara. Eileen Stalford recovering after brain surgery procedure. Jonna, pneumonia. Bob Fite (hospice). Bob Stiles recovering from surgery. Eileen and David Word. Pastor Kevin, Mike, Steve, Rickey, Lorraine, Carl, Kate, Candy (cancer treatment). Dr Regina is thankful for our prayers during a rough week. Praise that Elaine wasn't injured when her car was totaled in an accident. Praises for all the reverse advent calendar donations to help our local food banks!

We mourn gun violence and injustice. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for those suffering from Covid-19 and RSV. We ask God's blessing for those serving in healthcare, law enforcement, fire, government, armed forces, education, and business.

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.

MUSIC HYMN - *GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE*

1.

Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
Jesus Christ was born today
Ox and ass before him bow
And he is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

2.

**Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss
Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened heaven's door
And we are blest forevermore
Christ was born for this
Christ was born for this**

3.

**Good Christian friends rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save**

JOY TO THE WORLD MINI-MOVIE

BENEDICTION: REV. KEVIN YOHO

POSTLUDE: JAYNE McDONOUGH

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

So glad you've joined us. Please share your joy and worship experience with your family and friends, wherever they may be located. Thank you for sharing our ministry with your Facebook and Instagram friends, too. Invite them to view worship on our YouTube channel anytime, and to join us live next week when we ring in the new year and celebrate around the Lord's Table. Blessings to you and your family for a happy new year!

Notes for Today's Worship:

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1. (01) Worship Music Countdown: CCLI #4662491
2. (02) O Come All Ye Faithful : text & music- John Francis Wade; CCLI #4758525
3. (03) God Welcomes All: CCLI #7102394
4. Born is the Light of the World: Sally Deford; permission granted

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5. (04) Gloria: Public Domain
6. (05) Doxology: CCLI #4255578
7. Good Christian Friends Rejoice: text-medieval Latin & para. John Mason Neale, music-German folk melody; CCLI #7140775