



December 26, 2021

10:00 AM

Reflection: The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

-Psalm 110:1

Call To Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

-Psalm 124:8

Hymn

The First Noel

Words & Music: Traditional English Carol

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

Refrain:
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
(Refrain)

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star
wherever it went. (Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
(Refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee;
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
(Refrain)

Invocation

Scripture Reading

Lighting of the Advent Candles- Christ Candle

Psalm 98

Celebration of Covenant Baptism

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Confession of Sin

Our Lord Jesus said: "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

-based on Matthew 22:37-40

Corporate Confession

Almighty and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down." In Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

-Psalm 145:13-14

Hymn

O Come All You Unfaithful

Words & Music: Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow

O come, all you unfaithful,
Come weak and unstable,
Come know you are not alone.

O come barren and waiting ones,
Weary of praying,
Come see what your God has done.

Chorus:
Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you.

O come bitter and broken,
Come with fears unspoken,
Come taste of His perfect love.

O come guilty and hiding ones,
There is no need to run,
See what your God has done. (Chorus)

He's the Lamb who was given,
slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those
who believe.
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So come though you have nothing,
Come He is the offering,
Come see what your God has done.
(Chorus)

Prayer

At the conclusion of prayer pray the Lord's Prayer in unison:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon

"Finding Christ" Matthew 2:1-12 Wayne Shelton

Hymn of Response

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words: Phillips Brooks (1868) Music: Shane & Shane

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above.
While mortals sleep,
The angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together,
Proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on Earth.

Affirmation of Faith

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day He arose again
from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,*

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

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 in us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

*and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he shall come to
judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.