



December 11, 2022—11:00 am  
Fellowship Hall

Community Life

\*Gathering Song

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;

*Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:

*Words: James Montgomery, Public Domain, 1825 Music: Henry Smart, Public Domain, 1867*

\*Call to Worship

from Psalm 29

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

**People: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**People: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

**People: the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

Leader: The Lord gives strength to his people;

**People: the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

\*Prayer of Adoration

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

\*Song of Worship

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains,

*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Word and Music: Trad. French*

\*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy

\*Song of Worship

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
O night, divine! O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His Gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother  
And in His Name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy Name!  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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*Words: Placide Cappeau, Public Domain, 1847; Music: Adolphe C. Adams, Public Domain, 1847.*

Call to Confession

Isaiah 49:13-16

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands..."

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Grace and Peace

from Colossians 1

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Jesus Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

\*Song of Worship

*K4-K5 may leave for Kids Church. One parent will need to escort the child to the Commons Area.*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

*Words: Cecil Francis Alexander, Public Domain, 1848; Music: Henry Gauntlett, Public Domain, 1849.*

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Reflection

\*Parting Song

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\*Benediction

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at the exits of the Fellowship Hall as you leave.*

Advent Season at Mitchell Road— “Gifts From God”

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Today and December 18—Normal schedule, Sunday School, Kids Church & Nursery

December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1 (New Years Day)

9:45 and 11:00 in Sanctuary (Nursery crib to K3 at 9:45 am only, No Sunday School, No Kids Church)

Christmas Celebration with Choirs and Orchestra:

Tonight, 4:30 and 6:30 pm in Sanctuary (Nursery crib to K3 and K4/K5 Kids Church)

*Choir and orchestra concert of beloved carols, including those by Artist-in-Residence Dan Forrest*

Cookies and Carols:

Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall (No nursery)

*Fellowship and fun for all ages with a cookie baking contest and singing of heart-warming Christmas favorites.*

*To enter the cookie contest, bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies to share with others! Prizes for best overall, best tasting, best decorated, and crowd favorite.*

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:

Saturday, December 24 at 4:30 Sanctuary, 4:45 Fellowship Hall, 6:30 Sanctuary

(Nursery crib to K3 at 4:30 and 4:45 only)

*Our annual candlelight service celebrating our Savior's birth*