



December 14, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am  
Sanctuary

*The lighting of candles on the Advent Wreath is a tradition that symbolizes the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world. As the four weeks of Advent pass, the Wreath becomes increasingly brighter, culminating in the lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. May Christ's Light shine brightly in us this Advent season.*

Prelude

Vox Lucis, Missions Team to Belgium

*My King Is Comin'*

*Words and music: Kyle Pederson; © 2020, Galaxy Music, Inc.*

Community Life Update

PRAISING THE CREATOR

Call to Worship

Luke 1:39-56

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

\*Hymn of Expectation

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Words: Latin antiphons (12th century), Latin hymn (1710); tr. John Mason Neale; Music: Plainsong, 13th century, arr. 2008; © Lifeway Publishing*

\*Prayer of Adoration

based on Luke 1:46-56

Leader: Lord, we magnify You in our hearts this day;

**All: We rejoice in You, our Savior!**

Leader: For you will not forsake your servants;

**All: Your mercy is for those who humble themselves before You.**

Leader: You cast down the mighty from their thrones;

**All: but You exalt the meek, and hear the needy's cries.**

Leader: We thank you for the Promised One;

**All: the offspring of Abraham, who will redeem all things.**

Leader: He has come to bring us mercy;

**All: And He is coming again to rule in justice forever!**

Leader: The King is coming soon!

**All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

\*Hymn of Worship

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

*"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" Words and Music: Trad. English*

New Member Vows

Baptism (8:30)

Zane Morton  
Renuka Samaroo

*Baptized by TE Neel Skelton, assisted by RE Jerel Warren*

Doxology (8:30)

Choral Offering

*Ring Out the Bells*

Covenant Singers

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*Bethlehem Night*

*Words and Music: Terry Taylor; © 2008, Choristers Guild*

LAMENTING THE FALL

Confession of Sin

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus;  
**All: forgive us and restore us.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus;  
**All: guide us and deliver us.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus;  
**All: teach us and renew us.**  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Moment of Silent Confession

## CHERISHING REDEMPTION

Words of Grace and Peace

I Timothy 1:15-16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

\*Hymn of Worship

*K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.*

*8:30 am—One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.*

*9:45 am—One parent will need to escort the child downstairs to join Kids Sunday School.*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love.

*"Joy to the World" Words: Isaac Watts, Public Domain, 1719; Music: George F. Handel, Public Domain, 1742.*

## LONGING FOR RESTORATION

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-20

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

Sermon

*Men in the Story of Jesus - Shepherds: Faithful Humility*

Andy Lewis

\*Hymn of Response

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.  
*"Angels We Have Heard On High" Word and Music: Trad. French*

Choral Benediction *The Work of Christmas*

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers, to make music from the heart.  
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\*Dismissal

\*Postlude

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**Assisting in Worship Today**

Preacher: Andy Lewis, Lead Teaching Pastor

Liturgist: Scott Puckett, Engage the World Pastor

Tonight—Christmas Concert at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary

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