



Rejoice

“Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.” – Luke 2:10

Christmas Day

Ten o'clock

December 25, 2023

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Preludes on “O Come, All Ye Faithful” [#76]
Kevin Sadowski; Eric Thiman

Welcome and Announcements

Spoken Call to Worship

Call to Worship: “Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift” German Carol
Text: trans. Theodora Lau Music: arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
Sing with joy, glad voices lift; honor God, the highest gift.
Who such wondrous deeds performs, who sent his own beloved Son to
 save us.
On this day did he appear, Christ Jesus, dear Immanuel,
Brings to us salvation, saves from death and hell.
Jesus, Jesus; lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

See how angels in the sky God in heaven glorify.
Sing as they the glad refrain of peace on earth, good will to all, and blessing.
On this did he appear . . .

Lighting of the Christ Candle Nate Meyer

Christmas Reading Jubilee Heys, Nate Meyer

Prayer Lydia Meyer

* Christmas Hymns: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #76:1,3,4
 (sing stanzas 3 and 4 in unison)
 “Angels We Have Heard on High” #82:1-3
 “Joy to the World” #92:1,3,4

* God’s Greeting

* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed back cover of hymnal

* Songs of Response: “Lord, You Were Rich beyond All Splendor”
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
(*sing stanza 3 in unison*)
(Children may come forward during the second hymn.)

#75:1-3

#80:1-3

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

All: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Anthem: “What Child Is This”

Text: William C. Dix

Music: English folk tune, arr. Robert J. Batastini

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are
keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King . . .

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come peasant, king to own him;

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King . . .

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

* Hymn of Preparation: “On Christmas Night”

#89:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

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Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: **THE NEW NORMAL**

Prayer of Application

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

* Hymn of Response: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

#81:1,2,4

* Invitation to Offering: Marissa Dierlam

* Offertory Prayer for GEMS and Cadets

Deacon: God, your generosity to us is abundant and gracious.
Everything we have comes from you.

**All: Receive our gifts of our time, our selves, and our possessions.
Help us to grow in gratitude and joy as we follow Jesus.
Amen.**

* Benediction

* Doxology: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

#81:5

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One!
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King! Amen.**

* Postlude: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” [#98]

Wilbur Held; David N. Johnson

Liturgist: Rev. Brad Zwiers

Preaching Pastor: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys

Organist and Choir Director: Kenneth Bos

Ministry of Music: Festival Choir

Accompanist: Lisa Meyer

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