

WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Angels' Candle
Cecilia & Abel Rutter

HYMN OF RESPONSE 203

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the
dead. He ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty. From there he will 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**

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
What Child is This
Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)*

WELCOME TO ALL

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Welcome to Our World/ C. Rice
Katelyn Falk, vocals

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:8-14 (ESV)

SERMON

God's Mighty Messengers
Dr. Tim Witmer

WE COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PREPARATION

THE INVITATION

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

I Surrender All

Please Note: An elder is available in the rear of the sanctuary during communion to pray with you regarding any needs or issues in your life.

WE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

THE LOVE OFFERING/CLOSING HYMN **214** (vs. 4 on Powerpoint only)
Angels We have Heard on High

*WORDS OF PEACE

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
(4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

O Blessed Emmanuel/ J. S. Bach

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer. Tim Witmer grew up in New Holland and served in pastoral ministry the PCA for 42 years, most recently at St. Stephen Reformed in New Holland. He also served on the faculty at Westminster Seminary for 20 years. He is the author of three books including *The Shepherd Leader*. Tim and Barb live in Terre Hill and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Song Lyrics

203 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th' incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, arr. by William H. Cummings ©Public Domain CCLI License #79597

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, words and music public domain

What Child Is This?

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

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come, peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Now let our praises ring this night
All heaven and earth together
The light of love is born to us
Exalt His name forever

This, this is Christ the King
Let every tongue and nation sing
Praise, praise His holy name
The saving Son of Mary

Angels from the Realms/ Emmanuel

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 field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King
God is with us, even now His love is here.
Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King
God is with us, even now His love is here.
His love is here!

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!*

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me, Jesus, take me now,

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that Thou art mine.

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

214 Angels We Have Heard on High

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?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choir of angels praise;
Holy Spirit lend thine aid
While our hearts in love we raise
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:8-14 (ESV)

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”