



We are so glad you are worshiping with us tonight!

**Today's Speaker:** Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas, Sr. Pastor  
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie; Harpist: Aviendha Fogie

**PRELUDES**

*The Chimes of Westminster/ M. Dexter*  
*Coventry Carol/ arr. R. J. Loucks*  
*Noel Joyeux/ G. Young*  
*Thou Who Wast Rich/ arr. K. Wienand*  
*The First Noel/ arr. G. Wolford*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRIST CANDLE**

John 1:1-5, 14 (NIV)

Kathleen Golias, Reader

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**HYMN 208***O Come, All Ye Faithful***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 1:18-23 (NIV)

Rick &amp; Doris Bernarduci, Readers

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

**SONG**     *Here With Us*/ J. Williams, J. Ingram, B. Glover  
Faith Burchfield

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:1-7 (NIV)

Nick &amp; Rachel Klein family, Readers

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*All is Well/* arr. B. Greer  
Virtual Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:8-20 (NIV)

Andy &amp; Kim Newhall family, Readers

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**HYMN 203**

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

**SONG**

*O Holy Night/* A. Adam  
Aviendha Fogie

**CHRISTMAS EVE MEDITATION** *The Music of Jesus*  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**CHORAL ANTHEM** *The Birthday of a King/* arr. K. Berg  
Virtual Choir

**SILENT NIGHT**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Thank you to our Virtual Choir Members!**

*Children Vocals:* Braden Burchfield, Brooklyn Burchfield, Lydia  
Crowther,

Zaya Joy Fogie, Autumn Klein, Camille Klein, Cecilia Rutter

*Adult Vocals:* Faith Burchfield, Katelyn Falk, Josh Falk, Aviendha Fogie,  
Kathleen Golias, Debi Hartranft, Libby Kimber, Nick Klein, Rachel Klein,  
Tom Nicholas, Judy Noack, Janice Palsgrove, Emily Rudy, Shawn Rudy,  
Fred Thomas, Ed Voigt, Rachel Vos, Alycia Weaver.

*Piano:* Courtney Abbott-Fogie

*Flute:* Rachel Klein

*Video recording and editing:* Seth, Courtney and Kaylor Fogie

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Our Sunday Worship service will be at the regular  
time, 9:30 AM, this coming Sunday, December 27. There will be no Sunday  
school on Sunday, December 27.

## SONG LYRICS

### 208 O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light:  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
very God, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
late in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

## **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 heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead 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 we 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!"

## Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright...  
Round yon virgin mother and child;  
Holy infant, so tender and mild;  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light...  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!