

# Order of Worship

10:30 AM Lord's Day Worship, December 24, 2023

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## Prelude & Welcome

### Call to Worship

(Liturgist) On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

**(Congregation) "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.**

(Liturgist) The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;

**(Congregation) he will exult over you with loud singing"**

- Zephaniah 3:16-17

## Opening Prayer

### Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

\*Sharing of God's Peace

\*Opening Praise: PH #348 Away In A Manger

FOG #179 The First Noel

**Response Reading:** Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 18 Q&A 48

**Confession of Sin:** From the "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Liturgy

**Assurance of Pardon:** Galatians 6:14-16

**Confession of Faith:** The Nicene Creed

\*Song of Praise: LUYH #95 What Child Is This

## Special Presentation

### Announcements & Congregational Prayer

### Children's Blessing

**Message:** *"Appointed for the Fall and Rising"*

Luke 2:34-35

\*Hymn of Application: PH #347 Angels We Have Heard On High

### Offering & Offertory

Online Giving available via Zelle ([admin@cccei.org](mailto:admin@cccei.org)) & Venmo (@ccceastislip)

December Special Offering: D.R. Missions Trip 2024

\*Doxology: PH #356 Go, Tell It On The Mountain

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

## Today's Scripture | Luke 2:34-35 NIV

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34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

## Sermon Notes

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## Announcements

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1. **[Happy Sunday!]** Thanks for joining us in worship! If you're visiting, please fill out a Connection Card so we can welcome you.

2. **[Dates to Remember]**

12/25: Christmas Day Worship Service 10:30 AM

1/6: Church Council Meeting

1/14: Chili Cook-Off

3. **[Snow Patrol]** It's that time of year! - We need your help for when it snows. Please sign-up the list on the bulletin board in the foyer.

ZOOM INFO - Meeting ID: #384 506 8857 Passcode: 11730



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**“Appointed for the Fall and Rising”**

Luke 2:34-35

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**Go, Tell It On The Mountain**  
**Psalter Hymnal #356 CCLI #3140875**

### *Refrain*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

### **Verse 1**

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

### *Refrain*

### **Verse 2**

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

### *Refrain*

### **Verse 3**

Down in a lowly stable the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

### *Refrain*

## **Angels We Have Heard On High**

**Psalter Hymnal #347, CCLI #3140875**

### **Verse 1**

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply, echoing their brave delight.

### *Refrain*

Gloria in excelsis deo. Gloria in excelsis deo.

### **Verse 2**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?

### *Refrain*

### **Verse 3**

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

### *Refrain*

## **What Child Is This**

**LUYH #95, CCLI #3140875**

### **Verse 1**

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!

### **Verse 2**

Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail for Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

### **Verse 3**

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

## **The First Noel**

**Family Of God #179, CCLI #3140875**

**Verse 1**

The first noel the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

**Refrain**

Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

**Verse 2**

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east,  
Beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

**Refrain****Verse 3**

And by the light of that same star,  
Three wise men came from country far;  
To seek for a king was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went.

**Refrain****Verse 4**

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
Over Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay,  
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

**Refrain****Verse 5**

Then entered in those wisemen three,  
Full reverently upon their knee,  
And offered there, in His presence,  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

**Refrain****Verse 6**

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,

And with His blood mankind hath bought.

**Away In A Manger**

**Psalter Hymnal #348, CCLI #3140875**

**Verse 1**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay;  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**Verse 2**

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from on high  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

**Verse 3**

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care;  
Prepare us for heaven to live with you there.