

Order of Worship for the First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021, 9:30 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

Musicians

Joline Bastounes, Piano • Debbie Craig, Mary Elliott, Amy Hollander, Song Leaders

Prelude

Sweet Little Jesus Boy
by Robert MacGimsey

Mary's Little Boy Child
by Jester Hairston

**Welcome &
+ Call to Worship**
with Amy Hollander

Jesus said,
"This is my Father's house."
So come into this space,
speaking your truth.
Come into this space
with your authentic self.
This is God's home.
This is our home.
Let us worship God.
God is here. We are home. Amen.

+ Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful
United Methodist Hymnal #234
verses 1, 3 & 6

Verse 1

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;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

Verse 3

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Refrain

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Verse 6

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

Call to Confession
with Pastor Jeremiah

Prayer of Confession

We could offer welcome,
but we often choose judgment.
We could choose action,
but we often choose silence.
We could choose advocacy,
but we often choose comfort.
We could choose truth,
but we often choose ignorance.
We could choose God,
but we often choose ourselves.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for the moments when we chose poorly.
**Open our hearts to choose you,
to choose community, to choose love.**
Gratefully we pray, amen.

Words of Forgiveness
with Pastor Jeremiah

Song

It Came upon the Midnight Clear
The United Methodist Hymnal #218
verses 1 & 4

Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.

Verse 4

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

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Christmas Prayer
with Pastor Hannah

Time for Young Disciples
with Amy Hollander

Scripture
with Pastor Jeremiah

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He

will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

Carol

He Is Born

United Methodist Hymnal #228
verses 1 & 3

Refrain

He is born, the holy Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born the holy Child,
sing we all of the Savior mild.

Verse 1

Thru long ages of the past,
prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past,
now the time has come at last!

Refrain

Verse 3

Jesus, Lord of all the world

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coming as a child among us;
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
grant to us thy heavenly peace.

Refrain

Scripture

Psalm 96

with Ken Cox

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.² Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.⁶ Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.⁹ Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples

with equity."¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;¹² let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy¹³ before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

Carol

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
United Methodist Hymnal #240
verses 1 & 3

Verse 1

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!"

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King!"

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Verse 3

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

Scripture

John 1:1-14

with Pastor Hannah

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the

world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Carol

Joy to the World

United Methodist Hymnal #246

verses 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ;

while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

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repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 4

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

Prayers of the People

with Pastor Hannah

Offering Invitation

with Amy Hollander

Offertory

Christmas Lullaby

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Announcements

with Pastor Jeremiah

+ Carol

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

United Methodist Hymnal #251

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 the Savior's birth.

Refrain

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Verse 3

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

Refrain

+ Sending Forth
with Amy Hollander

Postlude

Jesus Loves Me

United Methodist Hymnal #191