



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Christmas Day, December 25, 2020

CHRISTMAS is a time to reflect on the birth of Christ and its meaning for the daily life of the believers. As we live in a time of "interregnum" we also look forward to Christ's coming again in glory.

Worship Leader: Pastor Vicki
Deacon: Wayne Miedema

Pianist: Jonathan Hunse

Storyteller: Fran Williston

Visuals: Alanna Groen-Brunsting
Liturgy: Nelda Looyenga

Note that ***bold italic*** indicates congregational response.

Prelude Music

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (Jazz Ensemble)

Do You Hear What I Hear? (Sarah & Samantha Williston)

O Holy Night (Scott Lammers)

Sweetest Music, Softly Stealing – Elaine Hagenberg (WCHS Choir)

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather to Worship

Lighting of the Christmas Candle - *by Willem Hunse*

The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
***on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.***

(The candle is lit.)

Lift up your hearts in prayer:
lift up your voices in praise.
Let your eyes rise in expectation,
and your hands in exultation,
for the Lord has drawn near
and dwells among us.

We lift them up. Amen

Call to Worship

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Saviour!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

Opening Song: LUYH #76 – **O Come All Ye Faithful** (The Ensemble)

- 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!

- 2 God of God, Light of Light eternal,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; **Refrain**
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" **Refrain**
- 4 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**

God's Greeting

Children's Story – based on **All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings** by Gayle Boss; *condensed and told by Fran Williston*

Service of Lessons and Carols

Lesson 1 - The Beginning

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:31 and Genesis 3:8-19 (Ray Verburg)

Song: LUYH #75 – **Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor**

- 1 Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor;
leaving your throne in glad surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor,
yet, for love's sake, became so poor.
- 2 You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising
heavenward by your eternal plan.
You are our God beyond all praising,
yet, for love's sake, became a man.
- 3 Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Savior and King, we worship you.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us and keep us pure and true.
Lord, you are love beyond all telling;
Savior and King, we worship you.

Lesson 2 - The Promise of God's Master Plan

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7: 13-14; Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Isaiah 11:1-9 (Irene den Bak-Lammers)

Song: **Emmanuel, Prince of Peace** (Laudamus Te)

Lesson 3 - Mary and the Angel

Scripture Reading: Luke 1: 26-38 (Melanie & Trevor Iszczuk)

Song: LUYH #80 - **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** (Ensemble)

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing,

“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. **Refrain**
- 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**

Lesson 4 – Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem

Interpretative Skit: Luke 2: 1-5 (Jaarsma family)

Song: **Messiah** – by Francesca Battistelli (sung by Megan & Calia Kleefman)

Lesson 5 - The Stable

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 6-7 (voice over)

Presentation: stop motion LEGO (Katrina & Gabriel Blankespoor)

Song: LUYH #86 – **Away in a Manager**

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 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.

Lesson 6 - The Shepherds

Scripture Reading: Luke 2: 8-20 (Pardys family)

Song: **Jesus, Jesus, O, What a Wonderful Child** (Joyful Noise)

Lesson 7 – The Magi

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 (Maelle Schipper)

Song: **We Three Kings** (Maelle, Dacey & Kessa Schipper)

Lesson 8 – Jesus' Death and Resurrection

Scripture Reading: John 19: 28-30, Luke 24: 35-53 (Grace Ferguson)

Song: LUYH #92 – **Joy to the World**

- 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.
- 2 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
- 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.

Interregnum

Reflection: Pastor Vicki

Poem: **Christmas Day** – by Ulrich Schaffer (Nelda Looyenga)

Offering: **YW K-W Emergency Shelter**

Diaconal Prayer

Lesson 9 – Jesus' Second Coming

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21: 1-5a (Jim Vanderleeuw)

Song: LUYH #84 - **Ere Zij God**

Dutch

Ere zij God! Ere zij God
in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!

Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen.
Ere zij God in den hoge!
Ere zij God in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen,
in de mensen, een welbehagen,
een welbehagen.
Ere zij God! Ere zij God
in den hoge, in den hoge, in den hoge!
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde,
in de mensen een welbehagen.
Amen. Amen.

English

Glory to God! Glory to God
in the highest, in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people whom God delights in.
Glory to God in the highest!
Glory to God in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people, to the people whom God delights in,
to the people whom God delights in,
whom God delights in.
Glory to God! Glory to God
in the highest, in the highest, in the highest!
Peace be on earth, peace be on earth,
to the people whom God delights in.
Amen. Amen.

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