

Christ UMC Worship  
12.29.2024

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*CAROLS "Angels from the Realms of Glory", st. 1 220 (red)

**1 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.**

Text: James Montgomery (public domain)

"The First Noel", st. 1 245 (red)

**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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King if Israel.**

Text: Anonymous (public domain).

"Joy to the World" 246 (red)

**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 world, 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 sins and sorrows 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.**

Text: Isaac Watts (1719) Psalm 98:4-9

OPENING PSALM, Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise the Lord, in the heights!

Praise the Lord, all his angels;  
praise the Lord, all his hosts!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens,  
and all waters above the heavens!

*(sung)* **Joy to the world! the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rock hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded and they were created;  
who established them forever and ever,  
and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.  
Praise the Lord from the earth,  
sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,  
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

*(sung)* **No more let sins and sorrows 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.**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds!  
Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike,  
old and young together!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name alone is exalted;  
whose glory is above earth and heaven.  
God has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are  
close to God. Praise the Lord!

*(sung)* **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.**

Text: Isaac Watts (public domain).

ACT OF PRAISE

"Better Days"

Rzeznik

*Rainey, Ryan, and Porter Fellows*

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## **GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your  
Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are read and your word**



**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SILENT REFLECTION

**WE ARE SENT TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" 251 (red)  
*Congregation and Worship Band*

**Refrain:**

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

**1 While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold throughout the heavens  
there shown a holy light. (Refrain)**

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled,  
when lo! Above the earth,  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

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

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SENDING FORTH

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

\*BLESSING SONG "Go Tell it on the Mountain", refrain 251 (red)

**Refrain:**

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

CLOSING MUSIC

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## Prayer List

### New Prayer Concerns

Jane Kirk  
Merry Carol Starr  
Bob Johnston  
Aaron Seay  
Andrew Chomiczewski

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Jean Beshears  
Friends and Family of Peggy Bowling following her death  
Velma Bradley  
Dave Bradley  
Nancy Brown and Family following the death of her sister-in-law, Barbara Smith  
Don Campbell  
Gavin Partee Christianson  
Linda Cotton and Family following the death of her husband, Ray  
Dave Edmunds  
Katie Embody  
Margaret Fortney  
Mary Fredenhagen  
John Geer  
Brent Greene  
Olivia Haight  
Karen Kiappes  
Jerry Kirk  
Caroline Lantz  
Oliver Loft  
Linda Mallory  
Sue Mueller  
Bob Munn  
Chuck Neighbors  
Sravanthi and Sujitha Nutalapati  
Terry Paradise  
Peace in the Middle East  
Marshall Price  
Judson Randolph  
Shanelle Rauh  
Amy Saffell  
Saucier/Kohler Family following the death of Thelma Ann Saucier  
Bradly Thomas  
Leslie Tiedemann  
Norman Tiedemann  
Sulaiman Tunkara and Family  
Ukraine  
Steve White and Mandy Jones following the death of their mother, Cynthia White  
John Wigant  
Terri Wildman