

December 26 9:00AM Common Thread Worship

Please tell the lot attendant how you will be worshipping so they can direct you where best to park. Thank you!



Welcome

Song – O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n;
so God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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Song – The First Noel

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 of Israel.

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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Sharing Peace

Prayer Time & Lord's Prayer

(To share your joys and concerns, please text them to Kim at 919-624-1404.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song – Peace Has Come

Behold the star of Bethlehem; the Word of God has become flesh.

Unto us a Child is born, the Savior of this broken world.

Oh, hear the angel voices sing, "Come, let us adore Him."

Peace has come, for our King is with us.

Fully God and fully man, He comes for all with open hands.

He rules with love on David's throne; all praise belongs to Christ alone.

Oh, hear the angel voices sing, "Come, let us adore Him."

Peace has come, for our King is with us.

Holy, holy, holy, Jesus, we adore Thee! Peace has come.

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

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

Oh, hear the angel voices sing, "Come, let us adore Him."

Peace has come, for our King is with us.

Ooo...

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Song – Away in a Manger

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.

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 cradle 'til morning is nigh.

Draw near, Lord Jesus, draw near to me and make me clean.

Draw near, Lord Jesus draw near to me.

Draw near Lord Jesus, draw near to me.

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, and fit us for heaven to live with You there.

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Scripture Lesson – Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from heaven! Praise God on the heights!

Praise God, all of you who are his messengers! Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

Sun and moon, praise God! All of you bright stars, praise God!

You highest heaven, praise God! Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the command and they were created!

God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that will not be broken.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!

Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy wind that does what God says!

Do the same, you mountains, every single hill, fruit trees, and every single cedar!

Do the same, you animals—wild or tame—you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person, you princes and every single ruler on earth!
Do the same, you young men—young women too!—you who are old together with you who are young!
Let all of these praise the Lord's name because only God's name is high over all.
Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.
God raised the strength of his people, the praise of all his faithful ones—that's the Israelites, the people who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Message – When All Else Fails ... Praise

Song – 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 heav'n 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 men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 man 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 newborn King!"

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Blessing & Sending Out

Sharing Our Offerings

Out to Praise God!

What to know this week ...

Holiday schedule: please note that the church office will be closed on December 27, 28, & 30 for the Christmas/New Year holidays. The office will be open on Wednesday, December 29.

Contributions for 2021 must be postmarked or brought to the church office by (Friday) December 31, 2021 to be included on 2021 giving statements.

Worship services on January 2 will follow our usual schedule: 9AM Common Thread worship in Carson Hall, on the patio, or in your cars; 11AM worship in the sanctuary. Masks are still required for all inside worshipers.

You are invited to prepare a card or note for Law Enforcement Appreciation Day! If you bring your card or note to the church office by January 5, we will deliver them for you! Take a moment to show appreciation for the hard work undertaken by these public servants. Thank you!

Food Pantry Needs this week: canned pasta dishes like ravioli or beefaroni, peanut butter, canned fruit, hearty soups like Progresso, 12-15 oz. boxes of cereal