

2024

“Worship the God of Wonders”



For the *grace* of
God has appeared,
bringing *salvation*
for *all* people.

Titus 2:11, ESV

WELCOME TO WORSHIP CHRISTMAS EVE

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today’s Worship service

It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are His signs, how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; His dominion endures from generation to generation..

Daniel 4:2,3

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

WELCOME & PRAYER

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. *(Luke 2:10-11)*

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors! *(Luke 2:14)*

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

LBW #45

Verse 1

**O come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Verse 2

**The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, A mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Verse 3

**Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Verse 4

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!**

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:

**Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (Based on Genesis 1:1-5)

Leader: In the beginning

All: God created the heavens and the earth,

Leader: the earth was a formless void

All: and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Leader: the Spirit of God was moving

All: over the face of the waters.

Leader: Then God said, "Let there be light."

All: And there was light.

Leader: And God saw that the light was good.

All: God separated the light from the darkness.

Leader: God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

All: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Leader: Like the dawn of a new day,

**All: the coming light of Christ brings Hope, Peace, Joy,
Love, and New Life.**

Leader: The Candle of Hope,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Hope, dispel the
darkness and fill our souls.**

Leader: The Candle of Peace,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Peace, dispel the
darkness and fill our souls.**

Leader: The Candle of Joy,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Joy, dispel the
darkness and fill our souls.**

Leader: The Candle of Love,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, shine the Light of Love, dispel the
darkness and fill our souls.**

Leader: The Christ candle,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World, dispel
the darkness and fill our souls. Amen!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(Please greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Away In a Manger

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Lord God, Heavenly Father

**All: We give thanks that in Your great mercy and
compassion You sent Your dear Son to become
incarnate and through Him redeemed us from sin and
eternal death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit
that we may always be thankful for such grace and be
comforted in all trouble and temptation, and at last,
obtain eternal salvation; through Your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, One true God, now and forever.
Amen. Veit Dietrich - reformation theologian**

HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LBW #44

Verse 1

**Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the Child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Child is Lord of all! Christ the Child is Lord of all!**

Verse 2

**Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, heard the story, Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Child was born for you!
Christ the Child was born for you!**

LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

CHRISTMAS HOMILY

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

Christ the Child was Born for You

HYMN

What Child is This

LBW #40

NICENE CREED (in unison)

We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer...

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: . . . Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

All: Amen.

The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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The WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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**All: 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 and ever. Amen.**

The LAMB OF GOD

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THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Children who have not received first communion instruction are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you by His grace unto life Everlasting.

All: Amen.

