

And in despair I bowed my head:  
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
“For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
“God is not dead, nor does He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men.”

#### MESSAGE

“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST”  
LUKE 1:26-2:20 PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS

#### HYMN

“O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL”

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!

O come, let us adore Him (*repeat 3 times*), Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

▶ O come, let us adore Him (*repeat 3 times*), Christ the Lord!

▶ For He alone is worthy (*repeat 3 times*), Christ the Lord!

▶ We'll give Him all the glory (*repeat 3 times*), Christ the Lord!

▶ We'll praise His name forever (*repeat 3 times*), Christ the Lord!

## CALENDAR EVENT ITEMS



Please join us for a one hour service of singing and Scripture reading tomorrow at 6 pm in the gym.

*Please note: The evening service and all other church activities are cancelled for the week. The church office is closed until January 2.*



Next Sunday December 30 at 11 am in the gym, we will anticipate the new year by celebrating The Lord's Supper. All children's and adult classes are cancelled. In the evening at 6:00, there will be a praise and testimony time in the auditorium.



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE 11:00 AM

#### HYMN

#### “ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

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:  
(Refrain)

*Come and worship,  
Come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!*

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
(Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen the Infant's star:  
(Refrain)

Though an Infant now we view Him,  
He shall fill His Father's throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Ev'ry knee shall then bow down:  
(Refrain)

REVELATION 1:1-8  
PRAYER

JEFFREY PARCON  
MANUELE RUSSO

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”*

2 Corinthians 8:9

HYMN

“O HOLY NIGHT”

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;  
 It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
 Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
 A thrill of hope—the weary world rejoices,  
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
 Fall on your knees!

O hear the angel voices!  
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!  
 O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
 With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
 Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.

The King of kings lay in a lowly manger,  
 In all our trials born to be our Friend.  
 He knows our need—

To our weakness is no stranger.  
 Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!  
 Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
 His law is love and His gospel is peace.

Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
 And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;  
 Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord!  
 O praise His name forever!  
 His power and glory evermore proclaim!  
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HYMN

Once in royal David’s city  
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
 Where a mother laid her Baby  
 In a manger for His bed:  
 Mary was that mother mild,  
 Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
 Who is God and Lord of all,  
 And His shelter was a stable,  
 And His cradle was a stall:  
 With the poor, and mean and lowly  
 Lived on earth, our Savior holy.

“ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID’S CITY”

Jesus is our childhood’s pattern,  
 Day by day like us He grew;  
 He was little, weak and helpless,  
 Tears and smiles like us He knew:  
 And He feeleth for our sadness,  
 And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him  
 Thru His own redeeming love;  
 For that Child, so dear and gentle,  
 Is our Lord in heav’n above,  
 And He leads His children on  
 To the place where He is gone.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

PASTOR JERRY ASCHER

“IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR”

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 heav’n’s all gracious King.”  
 The world in solemn stillness lay  
 To hear the angels sing.

All ye, beneath life’s crushing load,  
 Whose forms are bending low,  
 Who toil along the climbing way  
 With painful steps and slow,  
 Look now! For glad and golden hours  
 Come swiftly on the wing:  
 O rest beside the weary road  
 And hear the angels sing!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS STORY

PASTOR KEVIN WILLIAMS

HYMN

“I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY”

I heard the bells on Christmas day  
 Their old familiar carols play,  
 And wild and sweet the words repeat  
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,  
 The belfries of all Christendom  
 Had rolled along th’ unbroken song  
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.