

Christmas Day Service 2025

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Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship & Lighting of Candles

We light this first candle to remind us of the hope we have in the dark season of winter. We remember the ancient prophets who painted word pictures pointing to the truth.

We look forward with hope to the coming of the light

We light the second candle to remind us of our faith.

We look back to the birth of a vulnerable Saviour 2000 years ago and look forward to the time when his humanity will be fulfilled when he returns.

We look forward in faith.

We light the third candle to remind us of the joy, joy not only of this season but of the time when God will make all things new. We remember Mary and the challenges and joys of the service she freely gave.

We look forward with joy.

We light the fourth candle to remind us of the peace beyond our understanding. We remember John the Baptist, cousin, locust eater, and prophet.

We look forward to a time of peace.

Joy to the world! The Lord has come! Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

Carol

Joy to the world, the Lord has 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!

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
 your sweetest songs employ
 while fields and streams and hills and plains
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders of His love,
the wonders, wonders of His love.

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Carol

*Come and join the celebration,
it's a very special day;
come and share our jubilation,
there's a new King born today!*

See the shepherds
hurry down to Bethlehem;
gaze in wonder
at the Son of God who lay before them.
Come and join the celebration...

Wise men journey,
led to worship by a star,
kneel in homage,
bringing precious gifts from lands afar, so
Come and join the celebration....

‘God is with us’ ,
round the world the message bring;
He is with us, ‘Welcome!’
all the bells on earth are peeling.
Come and join the celebration...

Happy Christmas!

Readings Hebrews 1.1-4, 10-12
John 1.1-14

Reflection

Carol

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight through all the earth;
heralds of creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth!
Chorus...

*Come and worship
Christ, the new-born King;
come and worship,
worship Christ the new-born King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching by your flocks at night,
God with man is now residing:
see, there shines the infant light!
Come and worship

Wise men, leave your contemplations!
brighter visions shine afar;
seek in Him the hope of nations,
you have seen His rising star:
Come and worship

Though an infant now we view Him,
He will share His Father's throne,
gather all the nations to Him;
every knee shall then bow down:
Come and worship

Offertory

Prayers of concern

Holy child – “**Hear our prayer**”

Carol

O come, all you faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come now, O come now to Bethlehem;
come and behold Him, born the King of angels:
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

God of God, light of light,
Lo! He abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten not created:
O come, let us adore Him, ...

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing with the citizens of heaven above,
'Glory to God, in the highest':
O come, let us adore Him, ...

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to Thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
 O come, let us adore Him, ...

Blessing

Exit Music