

* **Call to Worship:**
I Wonder As I Wander #183:1 (HFG)
I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come forth to die.
For poor ornerly people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.

Advent Reading: *Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11*

Advent Prayer
Lord, help us to wait in patient expectation.
Let us draw near to you full of joy and hope in you.
Grant to us sustaining expectation in you
that makes this long journey through life sweeter
than we have expected. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

* ***We Three Kings of Orient Are*** #206:1 (HFG)
We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
West-ward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

* ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** #193:1,2,3 (HFG)
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;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* ***Angels From the Realms of Glory*** #190:3 (HFG)
Wise men, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Call to Confession: *Psalm 30:8-12*

Prayer of Confession

* **Assurance:**
We Three Kings of Orient Are #206:5 (HFG)
Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Sounds thru the earth and skies.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
West-ward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children’s Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Ministry of Music

Offering: Seafarers Ministry

Morning Prayer

* ***What Child Is This?*** #180:2,3 (HFG)
Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *Refrain*

Scripture: *Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)* pg. 1071

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a
census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius
was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own
town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in
Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because
he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went
there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be
married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they
were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and
she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in
cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no
room for them in the inn.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby,
keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the
Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone
around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said
to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great
joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of
David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped
in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared
with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the
shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and
see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told
us about.”

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the
baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen
him, they spread the word concerning what had been told
them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed
at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured
up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The
shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the
things they had heard and seen, which were just as they
had been told.

This is the Word of Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Celebrate Christmas with Joy*

*** As with Gladness Men of Old**

#202:1,2 (HFG)

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So, may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.

*** God's Blessing**

*** As with Gladness Men of Old**

#202:3 (HFG)

As they offered gifts most rare
At the manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Celebrate Christmas with Joy

Luke 2:1-20

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II. The true way to do it

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