



Christmas Day December 25, 2024

# "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." ~ Luke 2:7

**Christmas Day** 

Ten o'clock

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### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Prelude: "There's a Star in the East" "Away in a Manger" [#86]	Thomas Keesecker, Michael Hassell Michael Hassell
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship: "Ah, Bleak and Chill the Wintry Wind" Alfred Burt Ah, bleak and chill the wint'ry wind, but colder far be he Who hath no warmth of love to share with Christ the babe that Mary bare, On His Nativity, on His Nativity.	
Dark, dark the night when Christ was born, but deeper shadows be Within the heart that hath no joy with Mary and her heav'nly boy, On His Nativity, on His Nativity.	
Peace be to them and right good cheer who carol merrily, And hie them forth when church bells ring, to kneel before their newborn King, On His Nativity, on His Nativity.	
Lighting the Christmas Candle	Lydia Meyer
Christmas Reading and Prayer	Jubilee Heys
"O Come, All Ye Faith (stanzas 3 and 4	
* God's Greeting	
* Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed	back cover of hymnal
* Songs of Response: "Good Christian Frier "Go, Tell It on the M	

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

#### Message for Children

Blessing for Children

Leader: People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

All: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

All: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Anthem: "Yeoman's Carol"

arr. Dorothy Frisch

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Let Christians all with joyful mirth, Both young and old, both great and small, Now think upon our Saviour's birth, who brought salvation to us all:

#### refrain

This day did Christ man's soul from death remove, With glorious saints to dwell in heaven above.

No palace, but an ox's stall, the place of his nativity; This truly should instruct us all to learn of him humility:

Then Joseph and the Virgin came unto the town of Bethlehem, But sought in vain within the same for lodging to be granted them.

A stable harboured them, where they continued till this blessed morn. Let us rejoice and keep the day, wherein the Lord of life was born:

He that descended from above, who for your sins has meekly died, Make him the pattern of your love; so will your joys be sanctified:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Anthem: "What Child Is This" [#95]

\* Hymn of Preparation: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #82:1-3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

## Sermon: IN THOSE DAYS

Prayer of Application

#### WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

\* Hymn of Response: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (stanza 3 in unison)

\* Invitation to Offering: Jan Wilkins

\* Offertory Prayer for Community Care

Deacon: God, your generosity to us is abundant and gracious. Everything we have comes from you.

All: Receive our gifts of our time, our selves, and our possessions. Help us to grow in gratitude and joy as we follow Jesus. Amen.

\* Benediction

\* Doxology: "Savior of the Nations, Come" **#74:7 Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our newborn King!** With the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come.

\* Postlude: "In dulci jubilo" [#98]

J. S. Bach

Liturgist: Rev. Rebecca Jordan Heys Preaching Pastor: Rev. Brad Zwiers Organist: Dorothy Frisch Soloist: Arc Frisch Trio: Arc, Dorothy, and Kurt Frisch Scripture Reader: Ali Buist Audio/Video: Graham Rayburn, Don Buist