



Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Leading Worship  
Organist

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **Prelude & Silent Meditation**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Welcoming Christ:**

**Reader:** Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might look upon the child born as our Lord.

**Pastor:** In a world full of doubt and darkness, truth and light is born. We believe Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary. He is the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied in the Old Testament. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts and deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. We believe not so we may judge or condemn others but so that we may be forgiven and grow in Christ. Jesus Christ is our hope fulfilled; our love consummated; our joy completed, and our peace sealed.

**All:** We long to be your people, a people like Christ.

**Reader:** It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

**All:** Rejoice, our Savior is born!

#### **\*Hymn**

**Hark, The Harold, Angels Sing!**

#### **Call to confession**

#### **Confessional Response**

God of hope, peace, joy, and love, teach us your way. Lord, we know we are broken and in need of your love. Yet, we are not always self-aware enough to know when we are acting in your way or our own ways. We tend to allow lines to blur so much that we declare a

**Christianity that looks nothing like Christ. Help us, O God, that we may truly love you and embody your love in our interactions with others. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon  
Reading of Scripture  
Children's Message**

**Prayer Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, and Lord's prayer**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

**Prayer Response**

**Hear our prayer O lord, Hear our prayer O Lord. Hear our prayer O lord, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

*(During Covid 19, please place offering in plate in the back of the sanctuary before or after worship)*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Sermon: Christmas Isn't Cancelled**

**\*Hymn**

**Silent Night**

*(Please head outside, being mindful to stay distanced, and line up outside on the sidewalk. Pastor TJ will distribute candles and we will sing silent night outside.)*

# Silent Night! Holy Night!

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake at the sight,  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light  
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Won-drous star, lend thy light;

Round you vir - gin mother and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,  
Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, Heav'nly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia;  
Ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
With the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
Christ the Sav - ior is born! Christ the Sav - ior is born!  
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
Christ the Sav - ior is born. Christ the Sav - ior is born.

## Pastoral Benediction

Go forth with Christ's blessing, rejoicing in the steadfast presence of God in our lives. Amen.

*(Please note the \* denotes those who are able please stand.)*

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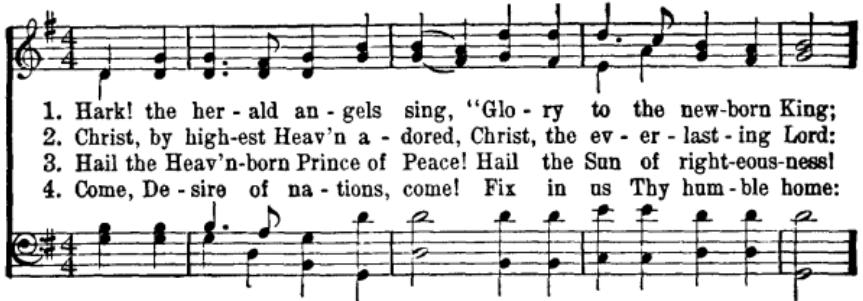
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## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

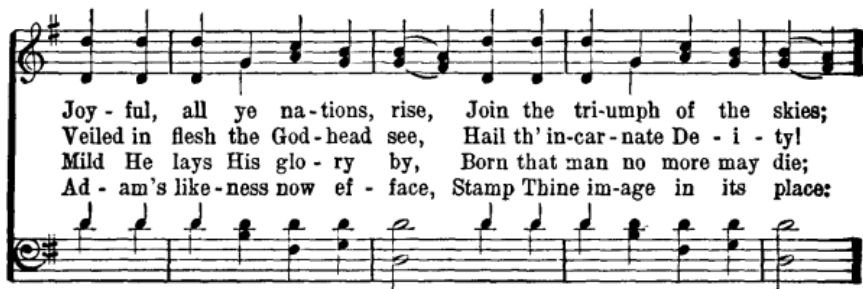
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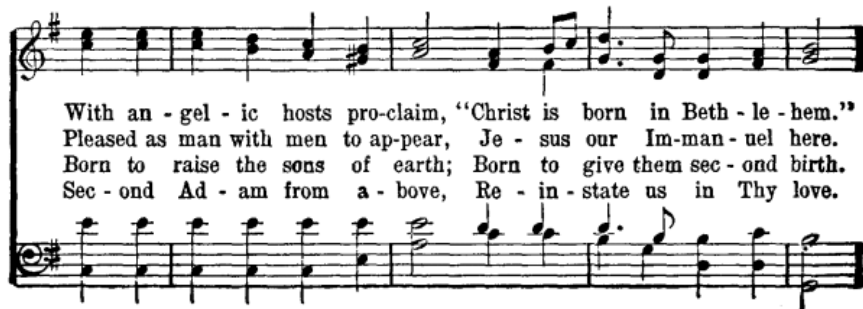
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by high-est Heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord:  
3. Hail the Heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!  
4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come! Fix in us Thy hum - ble home:



Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild; God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings:  
Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head;



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die;  
Ad - am's like - ness now ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:



With an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."  
Pleased as man with men to ap - pear, Je - sus our Im - man - uel here.  
Born to raise the sons of earth; Born to give them sec - ond birth.  
Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.