

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. — Galatians 4:4-5

CHRISTMAS SONGS OF PRAISE

JOY TO THE WORLD / I. WATTS

1. Joy to the world; the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n and nature sing.
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns;
let men their songs employ,
While fields & floods, rocks, hills & plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat the sounding joy.
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders, and wonders of his love

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL / TRANS. J. NEALE

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
REFRAIN
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to Thee, O Israel.*
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save,
and give them victory over the grave.

SCRIPTURE READING

¹ In 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.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.
⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethle- hem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

CHRISTMAS SONGS OF PRAISE

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM / P. BROOKS

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above.
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

THE FIRST NOEL / TRADITIONAL ENGLISH CAROL

1. The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay.
In fields where they
lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
REFRAIN
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.*
2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

SCRIPTURE READING

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”
¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

CHRISTMAS SONG OF PRAISE

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE / G. MOULTRIE

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin.
Where meek souls will receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. Oh holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell.
Oh come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel.

3. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
4. Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there, in His presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
5. Then let us all with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
That made heaven and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath
bought.

Luke 2:8-14

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When 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.”
¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

During the offertory, we consider all that we have and all that God may be asking us to give. Please take this time to ask God how you might give of your financial gifts, personal time and even vocational calling. There are different ways to give. You may place your offering in the blue box at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings; mail your offering to 254 N Lake Ave #287, Pasadena, CA 91101; or give via our app (iOS and Android) or website: www.gracepasadena.org/give.

OFFERING SONG

WEXFORD CAROL

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.
³ You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.
⁴ For as in the day of Midian’s defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.
⁵ Every warrior’s boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.
⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.
He will reign on David’s throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.
The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

The Light That Breaks In

CLOSING SONG

SILENT NIGHT / JOSEPH MOHR

- 1. Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born.
- 3. Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love’s pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

Leader May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All Thanks be to God, Amen!

Nick Locke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year End Giving Note: All tax-deductible gifts for 2025 must be given by December 31, 2025. Any financial gifts sent through the mail must be dated and postmarked by December 31 2025. Our mailing address is: 254 N Lake Ave #287, Pasadena, CA 91101. To give via our website, visit: www.gracepasadena.org/give. *Would you like to give a stock gift? Contact info@gracepasadena.org to learn how.*

Advent Prayer Guide | Find a hard copy at the Welcome Table or scan the QR code for a digital version.

All Family Service | Sunday, December 28, at 10 am



“Thanks be to God, He is a Savior who seeks the lost, who with eyes supernaturally farsighted discerns us a long way off, and draws our interest to Himself by the sweet constraint of His grace, till we are face to face with Him and our soul is saved. As once, in the incarnation, He came down from heaven to seek mankind, so He still comes down silently from heaven in the case of each sinner, and pursues his search for that individual soul following it through all the mazes of its waywardness and the devious paths of its folly, sometimes unto the very brink of destruction, till at last His grace overtakes it and says, “I must lodge at your house.” For, besides the divine omniscience here manifested, we are made witnesses of the Lord’s sovereign and almighty power.”

GEERHARDUS VOS
AMERICAN THEOLOGIAN (1862–1949)

O Radiant Dawn,
Splendor of eternal light,
Sun of righteousness:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

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GIVING & BUDGET

	JAN-NOV 2025	DEC 2025
GIVING AS OF 12/24/2025	\$475,832	\$33,039
BUDGETED EXPENSE	700,317	65,385
DIFFERENCE	224,485	32,345



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