



BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude *As Newborn Stars Were Stirred To Song* Mark Sedio

Sylvia Oines

Welcome

Worship Leader, Jeremy Mason

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

Lighting the Christ Candle (at homes in Seattle and around the world)

Silent Listening

Call to Worship

Song *O Come / Joyful Joyful*

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

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed

Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine

Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine

Scripture Reading [Romans 6:15-23](#) (Pew Bible: New Testament, p 136-137)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Carol #121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (verses 1, 3 & 4)

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

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

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today

We hear the Christmas angels the great tidings tell

O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel

Children's Message

Director of Children & Family Ministries, Bianca Quezada

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Leader: You have given all to me.

People: **To you, Lord, I return it.**

Leader: Everything is Yours.

People: **Do with it what You will.**

Leader: Give me only Your love and Your grace.

People: **That is enough for me.**

Offertory *Hallelujah, Christ Is Born* Caroline Cobb Smith

Ensemble

In a tiny town in the dark of night, from a run-down stable came a baby's cry
He was wrapped in rags, and His parents were poor
But the baby in the manger was Christ the Lord

Ragged shepherds were watching their sheep that night
When the angel chorus filled the sky with light
Good news, great joy to this broken land
For the baby in the manger is Christ the Lamb

Hallelujah Christ is born, hallelujah the Savior of the world

This is the One we've waited for

Hallelujah, hallelujah Christ is born

See the wise men journey from those countries far
Over deserts and mountains followin' that star
And they gave Him their gifts, and bowed on their knees
For the baby in the manger is Christ the King (*Chorus*)

Come and bow in wonder and prepare Him room

Come and sing with joy over God's good news

Go tell it on the mountain and in countries far

That the baby in the manger is the King of our hearts (*Chorus*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ushers

Our Prayers to God

Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults, Danielle Merseles

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Sermon *Facing Our Addiction*

Fredrik Mansfield

The Sacrament of Our Lord's Supper

Senior Pastor, Doug Kelly and Danielle Merseles

Please come forward to form two lines. There are two ways to receive the sacrament: you may take a communion kit and partake of it in your pew; or you may receive a piece of bread, dip it in the common cup and partake of the elements. If you would like gluten-free, just ask your server for it. Those who do not wish to receive the sacraments can simply cross their arms and they will receive a brief blessing. A leader is available up front for intercessory prayer.

The 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.

Song *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow, be washed away
In the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep (we sing...)

Come, Lord Jesus, come; come, Lord Jesus, come

Holy Spirit, come; Holy Spirit, come

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Song *Thank You Jesus*

Grace that flows like a river washing over me
Fount of heaven, love of Christ, overflow in me

Thank you Jesus, You set me free

Christ my Savior, You rescued me

Take this life delivered, a vessel of Your love
Wholly now devoted, to see Your kingdom come (*Chorus*)

You've given me life, You've opened my eyes

I love You Lord, I love You Lord

You've entered my heart, You've set me apart

I love You Lord, I love You Lord

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Benediction

Fredrik Mansfield

Postlude *Allegro* Antonio Vivaldi

Sylvia Oines

Preaching Today Fredrik Mansfield

Leading Worship Jeremy Mason

Ministers You, who are touched by God's grace, being healed by God's love

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