

WELCOME

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass. Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations. Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:

Christ the Lord!

HYMN UMH 234 (vs. 1, 3, 6) "O Come All Ye Faithful"

¹ 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.

³ Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

⁶ Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

A - E

HYMN UMH 230 (vs. 1, 3) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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.

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.

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

F - G

HYMN UMH 220 (vs. 1, 2) "Angels From The Realms Of Glory"

¹ Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

² Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light:

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

H - J

HYMN UMH 246 (vs. 1, 4) "Joy To The World"

¹ Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

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.

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

K - M

HYMN UMH 217 (vs. 1, 3) "Away In A Manger"

¹ Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

³ Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

N - O

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

HYMN UMH 245 "The First Noel"

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.

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.

³ And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Then entered in those Wise Men three, full reverently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

P - Q

HYMN UMH 219 (vs. 1) "What Child Is This?"

¹ What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

R - U

HYMN UMH 224 (vs 1, 3) "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

¹ Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news! Jesus Christ is born today! Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

³ Good Christian friends, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

V - Z

HYMN UMH 251 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

¹ While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light.

² The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth.

³ Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE W&S 3154 "Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone. Standing side by side. Draw the circle. Draw the circle wide.

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