



~The Approach to God~

Prelude	<i>He is Born, the Divine Christ Child</i>	arr. Underwood
	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i>	arr. Stutzenberger
	<i>God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen/Sing We Now of Christmas</i>	arr. Gaudet
	<i>Manger Medley</i>	arr. Voltz
	Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp	

Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

Lighting of the Christ Candle		
Hymn #29	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	Go Tell It
	Verse one	

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

**While shepherd kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.**

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

Call to Worship

Good news! Great joy!

Jesus Christ is born!

Good news! Great joy!

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*Hymn #31	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	Mendelssohn
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**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
 Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
 Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
 Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"**

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*Invocation

~The Word Proclaimed~



The Prophecy of the Messiah



Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn

Love Has Come

Bring a Torch

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

The Coming of Jesus is Announced

Luke 1:26-38

Musical Reflection

Mitt hjerte alltid vanker Norwegian Christmas Carol
Jacob Nieman, violin ~ Tami Newsom, organ
English translation by Paul Johnson



My heart will always wander To where our Lord was born,
My thoughts will always go there And take on their true form.
My longing does belong there, With the treasure of my faith;
I never shall forget you, O blessed Christmas night!

Oh come, and I will open My heart and my mind
And sigh with longing, Enter, Jesus
For this home is Your own, You bought it for yourself
So I will remain faithful, With you here in my heart.

I'll willingly spread branches Of palms around your bed.
For you and you alone I will gladly live and die.
Come, let my soul find joy In this moment of delight;
To see you born right here, Deep inside my loving heart.

arranged by Nicolae Bogdan, Musikk-Husets Forlag A/S, Oslo Norway, 2002



Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn #25

Away in a Manger

Mueller

**Away in a manger, no crib for His 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.**

**The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**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.**

Jesus' Birth is Announced to the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14

Hymn #23

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

**Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

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The Shepherds Find the Baby Jesus

Luke 2:15-20

Meditation

"The Headliner"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response to God's Word~

Anthem

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Chancel Choir ~ Dr. Angela Batey, director
The anthem text may be found in *The Hymnal* #37.

arr. R. Leaf

The Call for the Offering

~The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper~

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

Communion

Prayer



~The Sending~

Lighting of Candles

Hymn #60

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille Nacht

**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.**

**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."**

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend them light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

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Prayer and Benediction

*Hymn #40

Joy to the World!

Antioch

**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.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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.**

**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, wonders of His love.**

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*Postlude

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day
Tami Newsom, organ

Biery



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"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"

*The Church Office will be closed
on Monday, December 27th
for the Christmas holiday.*

Those that donated poinsettias this year to beautify our
sanctuary may pick them up after worship
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We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God, graced by Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God through worship in the Reformed tradition, compassionate service to all, and the nurturing of each other so as to grow in faith together.

May God bless you richly this Christmas. May your times of worship be filled with the Spirit's presence. And may your times of rest be filled with Christ's peace.

*Merry
Christmas!*

*Heaven
and Nature
Sing*

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