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Christmas Eve Service 2023

December 24, 2023, 6 PM

Klamath Falls Friends Church

A Traditional Christmas Musical Service and Scripture

Playing and singing with the congregation are Doug and Phyllis Fay, Marc and Maryann Kane, Carl and Sarah Watson-Andrews, and Wendy Williams

Scripture readings are by James Freidberger and Jay Wang

Time of Centering Down

While harp and flute are played

Welcome

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV) *Jimmy*

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. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

What Child Is This?

Verse 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!

Verse 2: Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here

The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,

the cross be borne for me, for you;

hail, hail the Word made flesh,

the babe the son of Mary.

Scripture: Luke 2: 5-7 (NIV) *Jay*

⁵[Joseph] went [to Bethlehem] to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guestroom available for them.

First Century Mangers and Twenty First Century Hearts -- Leigh



Away In a Manger

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No crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus

Lay down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Look 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 you, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
'Til 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 take us to heaven
To live with Thee there

Scripture: Luke 2:1-4 *Jimmy*

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 Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem

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 glad tidings tell;
Oh come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Time of silent prayer for Bethlehem and surrounding cities and countries; for all of the wars in the world, and hope for peace on earth good will to all.

Scripture: Luke 2: 8-12 *Jay*

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."

The First Noel

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
They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them a far
And to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night;
Noel Noel, Noel Noel.
Born is the King of Israel
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;
Noel Noel, Noel Noel.
Born is the King of Israel

Scripture: Luke 2:13-16 *Jimmy*

¹³Suddenly 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.” ¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. 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.

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2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be

Which inspire your heav’nly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

3. 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.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-2,9-11 *Jay*

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2. and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ...9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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Bearing gifts we traverse afar

Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,

Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king to Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown him again
King forever ceasing never, over us all to reign

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Earth to Heaven replies

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light

Doug and Phyllis will play while we distribute the candles

Everyone form a circle and begin with one lit candle, each lighting another

Silent Night, Holy Night

[Verse 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

[Verse 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

(Lights will be turned out and musicians will join in the circle)

[Verse 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

[Verse 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

*Pause while Doug and Phyllis play, and we turn the lights back on
and people get back into their seats*

Time of Open Worship

Query: What is your favorite Christmas memory?

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Chorus: 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 over silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

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

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our saviors birth.

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

3. Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born:
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

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

Feliz Navidad

Feliz Navi-dad, Feliz Navi-dad
Feliz Navi-dad Prospero Anoy Felici-dad

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart.
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart.

Feliz Navi-dad, Feliz Navi-dad
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I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
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I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas, I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart. ///(chachacha)

Have Yourself a Very Merry Christmas

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Let your heart be light
From now on our troubles will be out of sight.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas
Make the yuletide gay
From now on our troubles will be miles away.

(Bridge)

Here we are in olden days, happy golden days of yore.
Faithful friends who are dear to us gather near to us once more.

Through the years we all will be together if the fates allow
Hang a shining star upon the highest bough
And have yourself a merry little Christmas now



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All Are Welcome Here

Because we believe each person represents an image of the Divine and welcome the light that each individual brings, we open our doors to everyone. We encourage full participation by all in the life of our meeting. We recognize one another as equal travelers on the journey, seeking always to celebrate our joys and share our struggles together. May we create and tend an ethic of respect, reverence, safety, and listening. May we delight in our differences.