



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
10:30AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

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December 18, 2022 - The 4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by ushers after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Kiley Bohnhoff	Sunday School Superintendent
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Avery Bohnhoff.....	Acolyte
Mr. Gayland Bourland.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland 217-343-4366.....	Elder on Duty for Dec. 19 – Dec. 23
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Mr. Kris Lipe	Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott	(1-217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

What Child is This?

Call to Worship

Welcome

The Processional Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Congregation

Congregation:

- 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:

Refrain

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

- 2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

- 3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: *Refrain*

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Youth Verses

Gage W: What Child is this? A babe is born.

Grasyn M: An infant in a stall forlorn.

Gage W: Who can this Son of promise be?

Grasyn M: We marvel at the mystery.

Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Children

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav’nly song? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

The Christmas Meditation

Offering

The Message Presented by the Children

Aleece L: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

Evan L: And the virgin’s name was Mary.

Ally K: And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

Ava W: And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

Eli W: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” Luke 1:26–33

Hymn “My Soul Rejoices”

Congregation

- 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

- 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr’ham’s offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!**

Children Grades K–1:

Oh, who is this, the promised Child?
A baby boy for Mary mild.
This Son would be a special king,
So shout and let your praises ring!

Hymn "What Child Is This"

Congregation and Children

Congregation:

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?

Children:

This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Kennedy B: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people

Luke S:. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Raeann P: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

Avery B: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger." Luke 2:8–15

Hymn "Away in a Manger"

Preschoolers

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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till 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.

Children Grades 2-3:

Oh, who is this? The Lord of all,
now sleeping in a cattle stall.
The Lamb of God rests here tonight,
Where shepherds come and view this sight.
Why did He come to earth to dwell?
A gift of love, great news to tell.
He came to give His very life,
To free us from our sinful strife.

Hymn "What Child Is This"

Congregation and Children

Congregation:

**Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

Children:

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!

Allie W: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." Matthew 2:1–2

Ethel S: And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him.

Brayden P: Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. Matthew 2:9–12

Hymn "Angels from the Realm of Glory"

Congregation

Congregation:

- 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.

Refrain

**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. *Refrain*
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

Children Grades 4–5:

Oh, who is this? The king of love;
A gift of God from heav'n above.
His Majesty came down to earth:
A holy Child, a lowly birth.
Now Jesus reigns above, below,
Within our hearts, where'er we go.
All nations bow and come adore;
Our Savior rules forevermore!

Hymn "What Child Is This"

Congregation and Children

Congregation:

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

Children:

Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem

Children

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.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
And peace to all the earth!

Jenna B: Join us in confessing our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Jenna B: What Child is this? A babe is born. An infant in a stall forlorn.

Paisley B: Who can this Son of promise be? We marvel at the mystery.

Cloie B: What Child is this? He came as King. The nations shout; His praises ring.

Graham W: What Child is this? He came to die. Forgiven, we can live on high.

Madi S: What Child is this? He came in love. One day, He'll bring us home above. What Child is this? Oh, go and tell. Christ Jesus is Immanuel!

Hymn “Go Tell It On the Mountain

Children

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

While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth. *Refrain*

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

Mackenzie S: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—a special Child. As our King, may He rule in our hearts. As our Redeemer, may the Word made flesh ever guide us.

Maddux W: As our loving Savior, may He bring us to You on the Last Day. What Child is this? He is Your Son. In His name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: The Child of Mary is the Child of God. In His salvation, you are all children of God. May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

Recessional Hymn “Joy to the World”

Congregation and Children

- 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 and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

- 4 **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.**
- 5 **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.**

A Special “Thank You” to the Praise Band for all your help!

Special Services

Christmas Eve

with Holy Communion
4:00pm, 6:30pm, and 9:00pm

Christmas Day

with Holy Communion
9:00am
No Sunday School

New Year’s Eve

with Holy Communion
5:30pm

New Year’s Day

with Holy Communion
9:00am
No Sunday School