

Christmas Day Service

- **The Christmas Story – Luke 2: 1-20**
- **Opening Carol – Angels, from the Realms of Glory (LUYH 81 vs. 1-2, 5)¹**
 - Verse 1
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 - Verse 2
Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 - Verse 5
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
- **God greets his people**
- **Lighting of the Christ Candle**
- **Song – Once in Royal David's City (LUYH 87 vs. 1-2, 4-5)²**
 - Verse 1
Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
 - Verse 2
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all;
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and meek, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
 - Verse 4
And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above:
and he leads his children on to the place where he has gone.

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Verse 5

Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by we shall see him,
but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

- **Children's Christmas Story – "The Light of the World"³**

- **Children's Carol – Away In A Manger (LUYH 86 vs. 1-3)⁴**

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus: look down from the sky and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Verse 3

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care;
prepare us for heaven to live with you there.

- **Christmas Prayer**

- **Sermon**

Sermon Text: John 1:1-14

Sermon Title: "The Light of the Word"

- **Song of Response – Joy to the World (LUYH 92 vs. 1-4)⁵**

Verse 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.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy

³ *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, c. 2007, Zondervan; Grand Rapids, p. 184-191

⁴ Words: North American, 19th Cent., Public Domain

⁵ Words: Isaac Watts; Public Domain

Verse 3

No more let sin and sorrow 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.

Verse 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, wonders of his love.

- **Benediction**
- **Doxology – O Come, All Ye Faithful (LUYH 76 vs. 4)⁶**

Verse 4

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

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

⁶ Words: attr. John F. Wade; tr. Frederick Oakeley and others, Public Domain, CCLI#547476