



Advent Week Two Order for Worship

10:00 AM, December 7, 2025

Opening Hymn #259

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:

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 man is now residing; Yonder shines the Infant Light:
- 3 Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star:
- 4 Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending in His temple shall appear:
- 5 Though an infant now we view Him, He will share His Father's throne;
Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down:

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome Visitors!** Please fill out the visitors' card from the pew rack in front of you and place it in an offering plate near the exits of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Care** is available during worship for children three and under.
- **Sunday School:** age 4 through grade 12 begins after Children's Time.
- **Coffee Hour:** After worship today in Friendship Hall
- **Congregational Meeting:** We will elect new officers, elect at-large members of the 2026 Nominating Committee, and approve the pastor's 2026 terms-of-call next Sunday, following the worship service.
- **Pageant Platform Set-Up:** next Sunday after Congregational meeting.
- **Christmas Eve Services:** Our annual Christmas Eve pageant will be presented at 6:30 and 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

- **Pageant Participants:** All RPPC kids and teens ages 5-17 are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Pageant. See Beth Robinson with questions or for an extra form.
- **Brass Band for Pageant:** If you play a brass instrument and would like to play Christmas carols before the pageant presentations, please see Chuck Bailey today.
- **Children and Youth Ministries Open House:** All are invited to the youth room for an open house Christmas party **Tuesday** from 5:00 - 6:30. There will be cookie decorating and fun activities for young and old. Please stop by! Hannah would love to meet you.
- **Men's Bible Study:** meets on Thursdays from 6:30 - 8 and is studying the book of Revelation. All men are invited!
- **Christmas Joy Offering:** This special offering supports past, present, and future leaders of the church. Please use the purple envelopes in the pews or in your offering envelope box. We will be collecting through December 21.
- **Christmas Gift Collection:** Gifts are due in Friendship Hall today. Make sure the gift is unwrapped and labeled with the recipient's name and family number.
- **RPPC Kids Practice:** All Pre-K - 5th grade children are asked to attend a 1-hour Christmas music rehearsal from 9:30-10:30 AM on Saturday, December 13.
- **Circle of Care:** Please sign the card for Ken Kessler. His mom, Irene, died last Saturday.
- **Blanket Squares:** We're collecting 8" blanket squares to put together for warm blankets for those in need. More information is located on the Outreach bulletin board. You can put completed squares in the chest in Friendship Hall.
- **150th Anniversary Ornaments** are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please take only one ornament per household.

Opening Prayer

Song

Hark the Herald / King of Heaven Come Down

- 1 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 angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 2 Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace; hail the Son 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 the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Chorus

King of heaven come down; King of heaven come now;

*Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven come.
King of heaven rise up, who can stand against us?
You are strong to save, in Your mighty name, King of heaven come.*

- 3 Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" The newborn King!

Repeat Chorus

Ending

King of heaven come. King of heaven come. King of heaven come.
King of heaven come. King of heaven come down. King of heaven come now.
Let Your glory reign, shining like the day, King of heaven come.

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Affirmation of Faith

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 Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song

He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)

- 1 God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Chorus

*He has come for us, this Jesus. He's the hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, the Messiah. Born to give us life.*

- 2 From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same.
How that in Bethlehem was born, the Son of God by name.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

All the angels sing Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born!

All the children sing Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!

Repeat Chorus

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Lighting of the Advent Candle of Preparation

Knoell Family

Hymn #292

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (vs. 1,3,4,5)

- 1 Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee!
- 2 The foxes found rest and the birds their nest In the shade of the forest tree
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God, in the deserts of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee!
- 3 Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn, they bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee!
- 4 When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying,
"Yet there is room, there is room at My side for thee."
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest and callest for me!

Children's Time

Karyn Knox

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-17

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Sermon: The Arsenal - Salvation

Pastor Jim

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

- 1 Good news of great joy -- for every woman, every man; This will be a sign to you:
A baby born in Bethlehem. Come and worship, do not be afraid.
- 2 A company of angels, "Glory in the highest!" And on the earth, a peace among
Those on whom His favor rests. Come and worship, do not be afraid.

Chorus

*My soul, my soul magnifies the Lord, my soul magnifies the Lord.
He has done great things for me, great things for me.*

- 3 Unto you, a child is born, unto us, a Son is given; Let every heart prepare His throne,
Let every nation under Heaven. Come and worship, do not be afraid.

Repeat Chorus Twice

Bridge

*Of His government there will be no end; He'll establish it with His righteousness.
And He shall reign on David's throne, and His name shall be from this day on:
Wonderful, Counselor, Everlasting Father!
Wonderful, Counselor, and His name shall be: Everlasting Father! (*

Repeat Chorus Twice

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Benediction

Closing Chorus

My Soul Magnifies the Lord (see above)