



CHRISTMAS DAY

Fairview Reformed Presbyterian Church

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December 25, 2022

Worship Service to Jesus Christ

As we think of the day of Christmas itself, let us think
of the first ray of hope returning to God's weary people in exile.
It is the first ray of hope for all who are wearied and sinful. Merry Christmas.

Call to Worship – Isaiah 9:6

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall
be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

*Song of Worship **“Angels From the Realms of Glory”** (No. 182)
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Prayer

Telling of Jesus' Birth – Psalm 78:4

*“We will not hide them from their children, but tell the coming generation the
glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders he has done.”*

The Magi

Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Lighting of Fourth Candle

Confessing Sin and Weakness

Pause to affirm your need for Christ's birth by confessing sin and weakness to the Lord.

Remembering the Main Thing: Assurance of Grace – Galatians 4:4-5

*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of
woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as sons.”*

Worshiping with Tithes and Offerings **“We Three Kings”** (No. 197)

We will sing today, sitting, while taking the offering.

Ushers – no prayer of dedication. Singing will be our words of dedication.

Pastoral Prayer

***Scripture** **Luke 2:8-20 (p.1090)**

Lighting of Center Candle

****Prayer**

Message **Unwrapping the Nativity Story**

*Hymn of Joy **“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”** (No. 181)

Benediction

Departure Song – **“Ring the Bells”**

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*Please stand as you are able

**Children's activities are available:

18 months to 4-year-olds – Christmas party in the toddler room.

Ages 5-1st grade – Children's worship is downstairs.

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“Jesus Christ for West Beaver County.”

Songs for Worship

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.

Chorus: *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. **Chorus**

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

4. Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear. **Chorus**

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are:
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.

Chorus: *O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain:
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign. **Chorus**

3. Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high. **Chorus**

4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. **Chorus**

5. Glorious now behold Him arise:
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies.
Chorus

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 th' angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Chorus:
**Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!**

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Chorus**

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with healing in His wings.
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.
Chorus

4. Come, Desire of nations come, Fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conq'ring seed, Bruise in us the serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface, Stamp Thine image in its place:
Second Adam from above, Reinststate us in Thy love. **Chorus**

Ring the Bells

Ring the bells, ring the bells,
Let the whole world know
Christ was born in Bethlehem
many years ago.
Born to die that man might live
Came to earth new life to give.
Born of Mary, born so low,
Many years ago.
God the Father gave His Son,
Gave His own beloved One
To this wicked, sinful earth,
To bring mankind His love, new birth.
Ring the bells, ring the bells,
Let the whole world know
Christ the Savior lives today
As He did so long ago!

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome

Visitors, welcome to worship. We hope you encounter the living God today. If you have any questions about God, Scripture, or the church, or you'd like a call from the pastor, please note it in the attendance pad.

Nursery is available (downstairs). See or call JoAnna with any questions. 724-601-7153.

- **Children's Worship**, led by Heidi Shepler & Helper Naomi Shepler
- **Children's Activity Bags** – are available on the rack in the vestibule.

The Lord's Day

Sunday Worship

10:45am Advent Morning Worship – *Merry Christmas! Christ is Born!* When Jesus came, it says, the shepherds returned “glorifying and praising God” (Luke 2:20). It is not a burden. It is a privilege that we get to worship Jesus Christ on Sunday, the day we remember his birth. We gladly gather. We worship. And we will return home to rest and thank God for coming to save us.

This Week

Monday

10am Bowling – All are welcome, at Calcutta Lanes.

Tuesday

6-8pm Fairview Food Pantry – will be open. If you or anyone you know needs help, please contact Angel Shepler.

Wednesday

Note: There are no kids, youth, or adult activities this week, as we reflect upon Christmas. These activities will resume on January 4, 2023 at 6:30pm

12:30pm – 7pm Youth Ice Skating at PPG Place – Meet at the church at 12:30pm & we will return around 7pm. Cost: \$9 for admission to skate, \$5 for ice skates - Bring money for snacks (cookies, hot chocolate, pretzels etc.) if desired. Bring money for dinner on the way home at the Robinson Mall Food Court.

Thursday

Evening – Young Adults stay posted about a movie or other outing.

Saturday

New Year's Eve

Next Sunday

9:30am Sunday School & Adult Education – First we meet in the Sanctuary and then head to your class. There are classes for all ages.

Adult classes continue in *Spiritual Gifts* (Gallo) and the *Book of John* (Lyden).

10:45am Morning Worship – A New Year begins on the Lord's Day. Let us come and worship the king. Jesus reigns over every year of every square inch of all creation.

Congregational Announcements

Thank you – Pastor Jeff and JoAnna were deeply touched by your generous financial gift to us this year at Christmas. We know how much inflation has squeezed everyone's budgets. Thank you for the encouragement your generosity has brought us.

Offering Envelopes – Please check your mailcans for the new offering envelopes and your new number. Also don't forget to get your Christmas cards from your mailcans.

Treasurers – All church treasurers of various committees are asked to turn in their books and reports to the church office by **Wednesday, January 4, 2023**. The Auditors will go over the treasurer books and give a report to the Deacons by the end of the month. We want to thank the treasurers, auditors, and Deacons for their faithful work.

Congregational Dinner – will follow the Morning Installation Worship Service on **Sunday, January 8**. Please bring a covered dish and side to share. We will be honoring Elder Ray Chaffin for his many years of service, conferring on him the title of Elder Emeritus.

Thank You – The Missions Committee would like to express their gratitude to all who gave and prayed for this past year's Angel tree project and also for helping out the Elkins family who had a fire.

Thank You - We would like to thank everyone who used the church mail service and sent Christmas greetings to one another. We especially thank the youth group for sorting the cards and faithfully distributing them to the church mailcans. The Youth Group did a great job!

Men's Bible Study – The men will start a new study "Man of God" on Tuesday, January 3 at 7pm. Why Study Biblical manhood? There is a crisis of identity for modern men. Changes in the traditional roles of men and women have left many men wondering: **What makes a real man?** There is no shortage of role models offered: the dedicated father or the hard drinker; the thrusting businessman or the sensitive husband; the competitive sportsman or the contemplative bookworm; the wild adventurer of the stay-at-home gardener. This set of Bible studies aims to unpack the answers the Bible gives to the questions of identity that men face today.

We will learn about our God-given role in creation, and how that has been ruined by the fall. We will discover how we can be restored through the man above all men – Jesus Christ. And we will start to see how this pattern of creation and redemption applies in some of the key roles that men must fill today: as husbands, fathers, and leaders. Some things that emerge will be controversial in our culture, even in some churches. This course doesn't set out to be politically correct but, rather, faithful to God's counter-cultural word.

Table Talk – The January issue is available in the crossover on the missions table.

Snow Camp "Video Games IRL"

Laurelville Retreat Center

February 10-12, 2023

\$125 October 16 – December 31, 2022

\$145 January 1 – January 20, 2023

Ladies Bible Study – The Ladies will start a new study on *At His Feet Luke part 1* at 10am on Wednesday mornings starting on January 11, 2023. Childcare will be available. "If you're a woman who feels like you don't have time to study the Bible in a deep, meaningful way, but want to, this is the study for you. Watch Jesus up close as he begins to reveal to his disciples, the crowd, and us the astonishing upside-down kingdom of God. 'Luke Part 1' is a combination of Christ's ability to unpack Scripture in deep, practical ways and the author's ability to create questions that guide the reader and apply God's Word. Designed to be completed in just twenty minutes, then discussion questions, each study is nourishing, time efficient, and useful for individuals and groups"

Worship Helpers

Worship Leader.....**Giles te Velde**
Audio-visual**Paul Hardesty & Grace Billheimer**
Musician**Linda D'Angelo**
Children's worship **Marie Fowler, Heidi Shepler**
Ushers.....**Ed Shaffer, Stephen Hapach**
Harry Hopkins & Chase Thoman

Next Week's Helpers

Worship Leader.....**Kevin Chaffee**
Audio-visual**Grace Billheimer & William Phillips**
Musician.....**Linda D'Angelo**
Nursery.....**Naomi Oosting & Saphira Fowler**
Ushers.....**Tim Shepler, John Shepler**
Daniel Shepler & Jacob Shepler



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Sermon Notes
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