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christmas eve service
redeemer presbyterian church

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the story of christ's birth

Told from the Gospel of Luke

Narrator:
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Readers and Angels:
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prelude

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

welcome

† carol

“Once in Royal David’s City”

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle - shed,
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing - love;
 4. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
 we - shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Cecil F. Alexander, 1848

IRBY
 Henry Gauntlett, 1849

† litany of expectation

Minister:

Let us go even unto Bethlehem
and see this thing which is come to pass,
which the Lord hath made known to us.

People:

**For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given: and the government
shall be upon His shoulder:**

Isaiah 9:6

Angels:
And His name shall
be called Wonderful, Counselor,
the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.

Luke 2:10,11

Minister:
Behold I bring you good news of a great joy;
for to you is born in the city of David,
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Isaiah 7:14b

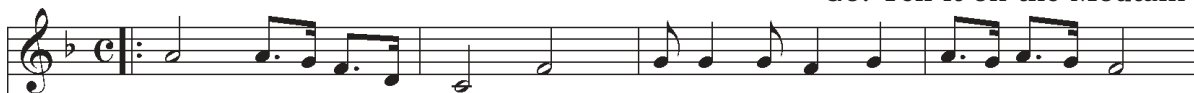
People:
The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child
and shall bear a son,
and shall name him Immanuel (God with us).

Luke 2:14

All:
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.

† carol

“Go! Tell it on the Moutain”



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



Fine:



Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When lo! a - bove the earth
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



Be - hold! thro' - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
 Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - iors birth.
 And brought us God's sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.



† reading one

Luke 1:1-25

Introduction

[Reader No. 1]

¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eye-witnesses and servants of the word. ³Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

[Narrator]

⁵In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. ⁷But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

⁸Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him:

[Angel]

“Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. ¹⁶Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

[Narrator]

¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” ¹⁹The angel answered,

[Angel]

“I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time.”

[Narrator]

²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²²When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion.

[Reader No.2]

²⁵“The Lord has done this for me,” she said. “In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.”

† carol

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

1. O come, O come, Em - man - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - ran's
 3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy

Am EmBm Em Am Em/G D/F# Em Bm C D Em

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and

D Bm G G/B Am G/BD G G D Em Bm G

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 close the path to mis - er - y.
 death's dark sha - dows put to flight.

Am G/B D Em D/F# G G/B C G/B Am Em Bm Em

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth,
 5. Rais - ing up the ban - ner high, all the heav'ns pro - claimed him nigh,

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Lend your voi - ces, lend your aid, To pro - claim the Sav - ior's birth! -
 He was prom - ised, He has come, Let us sing to God's own son!

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o,

Glo - - - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o.

† reading two

Luke 1:26-56

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

[Narrator]

²⁶In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said,

[Angel]

“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

[Narrator]

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her,

[Angel]

“Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

[Reader No.2]

³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

[Narrator]

³⁵The angel answered,

[Angel]

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing is impossible with God.”

[Reader No.4]

³⁸“I am the Lord's servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.”

[Narrator]

Then the angel left her.

Mary Visits Elizabeth

[Narrator]

³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed:

[Reader No. 1]

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

Mary's Song

[Narrator]

⁴⁶And Mary said:

[Reader No. 2]

"My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever,
even as he said to our fathers."

[Narrator]

⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

† carol

“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming ”

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 3. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the
 4. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind, with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, who

men of old have sung. It came a flow'r - et bright, a -
 Vir - gin Mo - ther kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark - ness ev - ery - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 bore to men a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us, and light - ens ev - ery load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

† carol
 “What Child is This?”



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while
 feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear, for sin - ners here the
 own him; the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall
 lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

reading three

Luke 1:57-80

The Birth of John the Baptist

[Narrator]

⁵⁷When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John."

⁶¹They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name."

⁶²Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child.

⁶³He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. ⁶⁶Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him.

Zechariah's Song

⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come and has redeemed his people.

⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷²to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace."

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.

† carol

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

1.O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2.For Christ is born of Ma - ry and gath - ered all a - bove,
3.How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given;
4.O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
so God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

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sermon
Salvation and Christmas
Jason Dorsey

**Children are invited onto the stage after the sermon
to sit with the narrator for the rest of the service.*

† carol

“O Holy Night”

1. O ho - ly night, the stars are bright - ly shin - ing, it is the
2. Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly beam - ing, with glow - ing
3. Tru - ly He taught us to love one an - oth - er; His law is

night of the dear Sav - ior's birth; long lay the world in sin and er - ror
heart by his cra - dle we stand; so led by light of a star so sweet - ly
love and His gos - pel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our

pin - ing, till he ap - peared and the soul felt its worth. A
gleam - ing, here came the Wise Men from O - ri - ent land. The
broth - er, And in His name all op - pres - sion shall cease. Sweet

thrill of hope the wea - ry world re - joic - es, for yon - der breaks a
King of kings lay thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our tri - als
hymns of joy in grate - ful cho - rus raise we; Let all with - in us

new and glo-rious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the an-gel
 born to be our friend; He knows our need— to our weak-ness is no
 praise His ho-ly name. Christ is the Lord! O praise His name for-

voic-es! O night di-vine! O night, when Christ was born! O
 strang-er. Be-hold your King, be-fore Him low-ly bend! Be-
 ev-er! His pow-er and glo-ry ev-er-more pro-claim! His

night, O ho-ly night, O night, di-vine!
 hold your King, be-fore Him low-ly bend!
 power and glo-ry ev-er-more pro-claim!

Placide Cappeau, 1847
 trans. from French to English by John S. Dwight

Adolphe C. Adam

The Birth of Jesus

[Narrator]

¹In 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.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register.

⁴So 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. ⁵He went there 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 room for them in the inn.

† carol

“Away in the Manger”



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
ev - er, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear chil - dren in

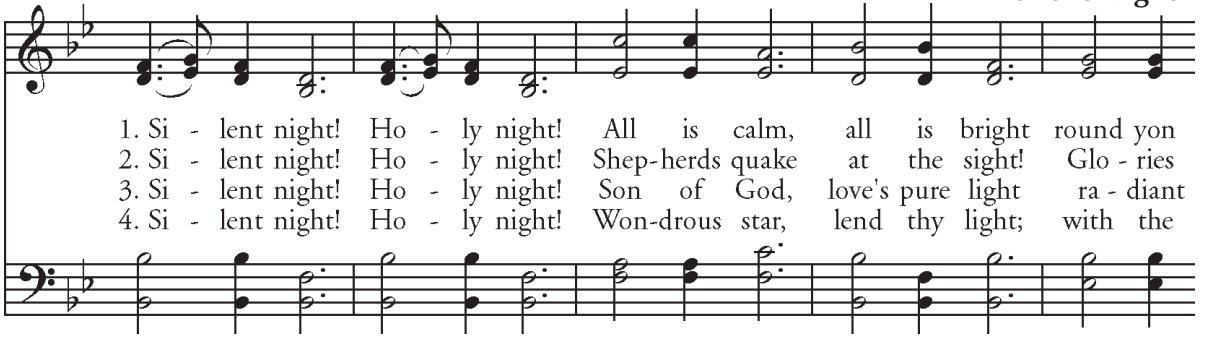


down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

Charles Wesley, 1739, 1753; alt

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.D.ref
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840
arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

† carol
 “Silent Night”



1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; with the



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King,



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior is born! Christ, the Sav - ior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Franz Gruber, 1818

reading five

Luke 2:8- 20

The Shepherds and the Angels

[Narrator]

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them,

[Angel]

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

[Narrator]

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

[Angels]

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

[Narrator]

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. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. *Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored,* — *Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,*
 3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! — Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, — God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
late in time be - hold him come, — *off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb:*
 Light and life to all he brings, — risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies; —
veiled in flesh the God - head see; — *hail, in - car - nate De - i - ty,* —
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that we no more may die, —

with an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with us to dwell *Je - sus our Em - man - u - el.*
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

reading six

Luke 2:21-39

Jesus Presented in the Temple

[Narrator]

²¹On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

²²When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

[Reader]

²⁹“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all people,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

[Narrator]

³³The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:

[Reader]

“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

[Narrator]

³⁶There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

† carol

“How Great our Joy”

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings bro't an
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a
 3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall re -
 4. This Gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er joy our

an - gel - bright.
 Child to - day, How great our joy! Great our joy!
 deem us all. fill.
 hearts shall fill.

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Traditional German Carol

benediction

postlude

singers

Bruce Benedict, Elisabeth Newman, Kyle Ragsdale

musicians

*Bruce Benedict, guitar; Wolfy Johnson, piano;
Ray Mills, bells/vibraphone; Kipp Normand, autoharp/aux percussion;
Phil Milan, ; Eric Evans, bass*

sound tech

Mark Schwartzkopf

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Trish & Neil Sqrow, Doug Wilson

worship schedule

Redeemer - 10am in the Sanctuary
New Deal - 6pm in the Underground