



SHAWNEE *park*
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

DECEMBER 25, 2020, 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: JOY TO THE WORLD

Reader One: *“Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King.”*

Reader Two: *“Joy to the World, the Savior reigns, let all people employ their songs of his advent.”*

Reader One: *He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found in the struggles of earth.*

Reader Two: He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness.

Reader One: *Heaven and earth are singing this Christmas Day. We and the angels combine our voices in praise.*

Reader Two: The carols echo through hills and plains, over fields and water, and through mountain valleys.

Reader One: *We light the Christ candle and sing the wonders of God’s love. Jesus, the Savior, is born! Hallelujah!*

(Lighting of the Christ Candle)

Carol: *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

*GOD’S GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE *O Come, All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)*

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Come and stand amazed, you people, see how God does reconcile!
See his plans of love accomplished, see his gift, this newborn child.
See the Mighty, weak and tender, see the Word who now is mute.
See the Sovereign without splendor, see the Fullness destitute;
the Beloved, whom we covet, in a state of low repute.

Silent Night (st. 1-3)

See how humankind received him; see him wrapped in swaddling bands,
who as Lord of all creation rules the wind by his commands.
See him lying in a manger without sign of reasoning;
Word of God to flesh surrendered, he is wisdom’s crown, our King.
See how tender our Defender at whose birth the angels sing.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (st. 1,2,4)

O Lord Jesus, God incarnate, who assumed this humble form,
counsel me and let my wishes to your perfect will conform.
Light of life, dispel my darkness, let your frailty strengthen me;
let your meekness give me boldness, let your burden set me free;
let your sadness give me gladness, let your death be life for me. Amen.

-From the Worship Sourcebook

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (st. 1-3)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Bethany Christian Services

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14 NIV

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

SERMON

CHRISTMAS IN TEN WORDS

PRAYER

*SONG

Glory to God (Ere zij God)

*GOD'S BLESSING

*CLOSING PRAISE

Hallelujah Chorus (Video)

Calvin Oratorio, Directed by Aaron Polet

POSTLUDE

O Holy Night

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Preacher: Rev. Henry Admiraal

Liturgist: Rev. William Van Tol

Musicians: Barb Banaszak, Joan Van Dyke, Phil Van Eck, Aaron Polet, Dave Lundberg,
Kendra Malatek, Joyce Altena

Readers: Bill and Mary Van Dyke

Offering: Bethany Christian Services