

**SING A SONG OF
CHRISTMAS**



**Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ
Worship Sunday, November 27, 2022**

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

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*Please stand if you are able. Congregation, please speak the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE

WELCOME (Ringing of the Bell)

We Gather to Worship our Lord Jesus Christ

INVOCATION

We gather to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*A LITANY OF JOY

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: Lord, You have done marvelous things. You have made Your salvation known and revealed Your righteousness to the nations. You remembered Your love and faithfulness.

L: Shout for joy to the Lord, the King! Burst into jubilant song.

P: Let the sea resound and everything in it – the world and all who live in it.

L: Let the rivers and the mountains sing together for joy before the Lord for He comes to judge the earth.

All: You rule the peoples of the world with justice and fairness.

*OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal #310 Verses 1,2,3

*UNISON PRAYER

In Your presence heavenly Father, we join with Your people around the world and with the saints and angels to celebrate the birth of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we listen to the story of Jesus's birth retold in joyful songs, fill our hearts with wonder at Your gift of our Savior, the Word made flesh. Bless these children who will bring us the joyful news of Jesus's birth in word and song. Hear our prayers and accept our praise in the name of Jesus our Savior, the Child of Bethlehem.

A PASTORAL MEDITATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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2022 Christmas Program**

THE FIRST NOEL

The Murphy Family

The Story, Part 1

HYMN

The First Noel

Hymnal #315 Versus 1,2,3,5 & Below

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord

Who hath made Heaven and earth of nought and with His blood mankind has bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel born is the King of Israel!

The Story, Part 2

AWAY IN A MANGER

The Grumbine Family

The Story, Part 1

HYMN

Away in a Manger

Hymnal# 322

The Story, Part 2

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

The Troup Family

The Story, Part 1

HYMN

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hymnal# 317 Verses 1, 2, 3

The Story, Part 2

SILENT NIGHT

The Dermes Family

The Story, Part 1

Reading from Luke 2

The Story, Part 2

HYMN

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright, 'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherd quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing: "Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!"

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus Lord, at thy birth!

The Story, Part 3

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

The Shuey Family

The Story, Part 1

HYMN

It Came upon a Midnight Clear

HYMNAL# 316 Versus 1,2,4

The Story, Part 2

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Nolan Family

The Story, Part 1

*HYMN

Joy to the World

HYMNAL# 314

The Story, Part 2

GOD'S WORD ON GIVING

On coming to the house, [the Magi] saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

THE OFFERING and

HYMN

We Three Kings

Hymnal #313

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Tune: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Em G C D7 G D G C G
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em
here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

We Depart to be Ambassadors for Jesus

***CLOSING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, today we have celebrated in song the gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Spirit that we might carry the joy of this service out into our lives and into the world, until that bright day when we join the saints and angels and sing Your praises for all eternity. Hear our prayer and accept our songs in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal #311

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE and THE POSTLUDE

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