



MERRY CHRISTMAS TUNE INTO FM 98.9

*Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to set the earth right.
He will straighten out the whole world,
He will put the world right,
and everyone in it.
~Psalm 98: 9*



Dear faithful friends and fellow children of God: Let us sing a new song!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and in anticipation of the new year comes another new way to worship. But this one is literally, physically closer to where we normally worship. This is an update for our upcoming Christmas Eve service using the most current plan. Please note, there are a couple of slight changes from the announcement you saw in the most recent Forecaster.

- On Christmas Eve we gather at **3:00 pm** for an outside, parking lot service beginning at 3:30 pm. When parking, please follow the ushers' instructions and park your car to face the outside altar at the Southwest corner of the Sanctuary/Narthex.
- To keep proper social distancing it is important to **please stay in your car** with your windows up.
- To hear the Christmas Eve Service, tune your car or portable radio to station **FM 98.9**.
- Please do not congregate or gather in groups before or after the service.
- Feel free to wave to your friends on either side of your car and then call them up after to wish them joyous Christmas wishes.
- If you have jumper cables, please bring them to help others, if needed.

Our service will include some of our favorite Christmas Eve Hymns; you will find the lyrics attached to this letter. Please bring the lyrics to the service so that you can sing along in your cars. Also, at the end of the service when we sing "Silent Night" we encourage you to bring a battery-powered electric candle to light. Those with smart phones may choose to download a free "candle" app.

In addition to Christmas music, our service will include prayers, Bible readings, and a brief message. Please dress warmly and bring: the song lyrics included with this letter, an electric candle if you wish, and your warmest Christmas spirit. Please contact the church office at (951) 679-1518 if you have any questions. We so look forward to seeing as many of you at the service as possible. **Let's fill our parking lot!** Thank you and have a safe and healthy Christmas!

Yours in Christ, Pr. John Barton

#1 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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 the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son 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.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

#2 In The Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,

Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty —
Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk
And a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom Angels
Fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel
Which adore.

Angels and Archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air;
But only His Mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man
I would do my part, —

Yet what I can I give Him, —
Give my heart.

#3 Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet
head.

The stars in the bright sky looked down
where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! look down from
the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender
care,
And take us to heaven to live with thee
there.

#4 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!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour 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!

#5 Joy to the World

Joy to the World; the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields & floods, rocks, hills & plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love.