

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heav'n's all-gracious King";
the world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.
- 2 A helper just he comes to thee,
his chariot is humility,
his kingly crown is holiness,
his scepter, pity in distress.
- 3 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!
- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

2 God of God,
Light of Light;
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God,
begotten, not created; [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God
in the highest; [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
late in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

Announcements

Prayers for wellness in our community, for all those experiencing grief. Lisa Rains (Serious lung issues), Charlie & Pat Duncan, Lib Morgan's grandson Jackson and his parents, Steve Johnson (recently diagnosed with cancer), JR Johnson (recently diagnosed with cancer), Lloyd Farrar, Janet Rains. For all fire victims, all bridge refugees, all elected officials, peacekeepers, and change agents, the ICCC, and our Fellowship community.

Bible Study Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 8th. Then it will be on hold until after the first of the year.

Soup Supper Soup Supper will be Wednesday, December 8th from 5:30-6:30pm. Choice of turkey noodle or beefy cabbage soup with salad, bread, and dessert. All for \$5. Please call the church to reserve your meal so we are sure to have enough.

Blue Christmas On Sunday, December 12th at 6pm I'll be hosting a brief time of worship and reflection for those of you who have lost loved ones over the last year or in previous years. No matter how much time has elapsed, our grief resurfaces during the Christmas season. Gathering with those that find the season less than joyful can be encouraging.

Dollar Sunday Sunday, December 12th will be our next dollar Sunday benefitting Good Neighbors.

Angel Tree Please have your unwrapped angel tree gifts turned in by NOON on Sunday, December 12th.