

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

“Christmas means not just hope for the world, despite all its unending problems, but hope for you and me, despite all our unending failings.”

— Timothy J. Keller



Order of Worship  
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# Gathering

**Angels We Have Heard on High** — *Traditional French carol*  
(*Les Anges dans Nos Campagnes*) *Translated by James Chadwick, 1862*

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains

*Gloria in excelsis Deo*  
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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem, and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

# Welcome

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

3rd candle – (pink) The Shepherd Candle or The Candle of Joy:  
The shepherds received a message of joy! "...and 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. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.' When 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.'" — Luke 2:7-15

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The largest book in the Bible is primarily a book of poems set to music to sing God praises. This is all part of God's design to surround His presence with singing. Gratitude to God expresses dependence upon God and is an antidote for cynicism, criticism, and bitterness.

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** — *Words: 12th Cent, Translated from Latin by John M. Neale, 1851, Music: VENI EMMANUEL, from a 15th Cent. processional of French Franciscan nuns*

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,  
From every foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty power to save;  
Bring them in vict'ry through the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, our Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thy advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All people in one heart and mind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!  
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JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE

SONG — Zach Fleury

# Message

**Series: Church Without Walls: A Weary World Rejoices**

**Text: Isaiah 9:1-7**

**Title: Travel Light**

**Speaker: Dave Sellers**

But there'll be no darkness for those who were in trouble. Earlier he did bring the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali into disrepute, but the time is coming when he'll make that whole area glorious—the road along the Sea, the country past the Jordan, international Galilee.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—

light! sunbursts of light!

<sup>3</sup> You repopulated the nation,

you expanded its joy.

Oh, they're so glad in your presence!

Festival joy!

The joy of a great celebration,

sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

<sup>4</sup> The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants—

all their whips and cudgels and curses—

Is gone, done away with, a deliverance

as surprising and sudden as Gideon's old victory over Midian.

<sup>5</sup> The boots of all those invading troops,

along with their shirts soaked with innocent blood,

Will be piled in a heap and burned,

a fire that will burn for days!

<sup>6</sup> For a child has been born—for us!

the gift of a son—for us!

He'll take over

the running of the world.

His names will be: Amazing Counselor,

Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.

<sup>7</sup> His ruling authority will grow,

and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.

He'll rule from the historic David throne

over that promised kingdom.

He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing

and keep it going

With fair dealing and right living,

beginning now and lasting always.

The zeal of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies

will do all this.

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** — *Charles Wesley (1739)*

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 the 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!”

STORIES — Jeb and Belinda Thornburg, Tom and Pam Crane,  
Bruce and Deby Berkimer

ANNOUNCEMENTS — Christmas Eve and Communion Invitation

BENEDICTION

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The benediction, different from good wishes or even a prayer, is a pronouncement of God’s blessing. God sends us out in peace, giving us his presence as we go to be blessing-bearers to the world.

# Announcements

**Prayer Request** Pray for our neighbors who do not have food, shelter or the basics and pray for Helpline, Fishline, ShareNet and our deacons as they work to meet these needs.

## **Christmas Pageant Submissions due December 14!**

- Submit via <https://crosssound.wetransfer.com>
  - See <https://crosssound.org/video-info> for more information
- Questions? Contact: Laura O'Connell at [lauraoc@crosssound.org](mailto:lauraoc@crosssound.org)

**Christmas Gift Bags for the Homeless:** We have the socks collected and the bags made, now it's time to give them away! On Sunday afternoon, December 20, you and your family are invited to join the Sellers and Brouwer families as they go to Seattle to hand out the bags to the homeless. If you're interested in joining us please contact Josh at [josh@crosssound.org](mailto:josh@crosssound.org) for more details.

**Community Group - Sign-Up TODAY!** The 10-week Winter session begins January 3! Sign-up by emailing Roger Barber at [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com). Please indicate your group/day preference (see below):

Dave & Carrie Sellers - Tuesday (Kid Friendly)

Mark & Cheryl Harrison - Thursday (Poulsbo)

Bob Cordell & Bill Parrott - Thursday (Poulsbo) (Kid Friendly)

Dave & Laura O'Connell - Thursday (Kid Friendly)

Linda Gordon & Roger Barber - Saturday

Patrick & Jenny Kilby - Sunday (at noon) (Kid Friendly)

Jeff & Ann Ogard - Sunday (Poulsbo)

**Angel Tree** We are sponsoring 100 kids this year! *The sponsorship process is easy.* Just click the link, enter our access code, and make your donation. *Access Code: 4YPD4 / Angel Tree URL:*  
<https://vat.angeltreetool.org/2e5bf11a-9e37-4aea-b96b-aec6df67e140>

**Crisis Hotline Volunteers Needed** for Coffee Oasis, a ministry that helps local homeless youth, have seen a huge increase in the number of kids struggling emotionally and thus using a text hotline they offer. Interested? *Email* [joshua.goss@thecoffeeoasis.com](mailto:joshua.goss@thecoffeeoasis.com) or go to <https://thecoffeeoasis.com/volunteer/>

**Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY:** Friday mornings via zoom.  
Email Roger: [irbarbers@gmail.com](mailto:irbarbers@gmail.com) for link

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**Financial Update:** Last week's total \$18,355 Actual Income to Date \$410,534.28  
Budgeted Income to Date \$443,734.75 Annual Budget (7/19-6/20): \$1,019,623  
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