

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

“It is good to
be children
sometimes, and
never better
than Christmas,
when its mighty
founder was a
child Himself.”

— Charles Dickens



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Gathering

What Child Is This? — William C. Dix, “*The Manger Throne*”, 1865,
Music: GREENSLEEVES, 16th Century English melody

What Child is this,
who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet
with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear;
for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him thru,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense,
Gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings
salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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.

Welcome

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

4th Candle (purple) The Angel Candle or The Candle of Love:
The angels announced the good news of a Savior! "...I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

— Luke 2:10b-11 and John 3:16-17

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus — *Charles Wesley (1745);
Music: Rowland Prichard (1830)*

Come Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the world Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, thou promised rod of Jesse, Of Thy birth we long to hear;
O'er the hills the angels singing, News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing, Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend;
Leaving riches without number, Born within a cattle stall;
This the ever-lasting wonder: Christ was born the Lord of all!

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Christmas Pageant

PRELUDE - *Skating* from Charlie Brown Christmas - Lincoln Jenkins

PAGEANT INTRO - Emma Kilby

O Come All Ye Faithful – The Knapp Family

SCENE ONE – The Ramsey Family

O Little Town of Bethlehem - The Ramsey Family

SCENE TWO - The Wiley Family

Silent Night – The Dafoe Family

SCENE THREE - The Dafoe Family

We Three Kings – Lincoln Jenkins

CLOSING – Emma Kilby

SONG — Zach Fleury

Message

Text: John 1:1-5 & 9-14

Title: A Stripped Down Christmas

Speaker: Dave O'Connell

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him....

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him... ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God....

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. We have seen his glory.

Who Would Have Dreamed video

CSC UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy To The World - Merry Christmas! compilation

BENEDICTION

Announcements

Prayer Request Pray for those who are stressed that they find peace, pray for those who are grieving that they be comforted, pray that we all know the joy of Emmanuel, God with us.

Angel Tree Needs Our Help! We are still halfway to helping the 100 kids that we have committed to sponsoring 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>

Community Group - Sign-Up TODAY! The 10-week Winter session begins January 3! Sign-up by emailing Roger Barber at 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)

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@thecoffeooasis.com or go to <https://thecoffeooasis.com/volunteer/>

Men's Ministry BIBLE STUDY: Friday mornings via zoom.
Email Roger: irbarbers@gmail.com for link
- MEN'S RETREAT: Save the date! Sept.17-21, 2021 @ Ft. Worden

Financial Update: Last week's total \$15,271 Actual Income to Date \$425,805.78
Budgeted Income to Date \$479,071.50 Annual Budget (7/19-6/20): \$1,019,623
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