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December 24, 2024 ✠ Christmas Eve
Children's Program – 7pm

This Shall Be A Sign

OPENING HYMN: Angels, From the Realms of Glory
(the congregation stands)

Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story;
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night.
God with us is now residing.
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
You have seen his natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

INVOCATION

P – *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C – **Amen**

P – *Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.*

C – **In the city of David a Savior has been born. He is Christ, the Lord.**

P – *This shall be a sign unto you:*

C – **A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

P – *Glory to God in the highest, and peace of God's people on earth.*

**All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th' eternal Three In One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

P – *Lord God, in the birth of your Son Jesus, you have given us a wondrous SIGN of your love and presence. Help all your children to behold your glory and to be SIGNS of your peace in all the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C – **Amen.**

The children's theme stanza:

In Bethlehem is born for you
A child of David's line,
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
And this shall be a sign:

Signs and songs by the children

Hymn: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!

Congregation

**Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."**

**Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts 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, incarnate deity!

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!

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

Signs and songs by the children

Hymn: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him born the king of angels.

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,

Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

"Glory to God in the highest!"

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born on earth to save us;

Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,

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

Signs and songs by the children

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

*Congregation
and children*

**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!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Children sing the second stanza:

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Congregation sings the third stanza:

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Signs and songs by the children

Hymn: Good Christian Friends Rejoice

Congregation

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice.
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
And he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ is born for this!
Christ is born for this!**

Signs and songs by the children

Hymn: Joy to the World

Congregation

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing...**

**No more let sin and sorrow 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....**

The Offering is presented.

The Prayers are offered, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Signs and songs by the children

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C - In the city of David a Savior has been born. He is Christ, the Lord.

P- This shall be a sign unto you:

C - A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

P - Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

(Candles are passed out to the congregation for Silent Night)

Hymn: Silent Night

Congregation

**Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht! Alles Schlaft, einsam wacht
Nur das heilige Elternpaar, das im Stalle zu Bethlehem war,
Bei dem himmlischen Kind, bei dem himmlischen Kind.**

**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,
Heav'nly 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.**

*P - The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His favor upon you, and give you peace.*

C - Amen

Announcements and distribution of candy

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