

**WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD****DECEMBER 24, 2023****GATHERING TO WORSHIP****Prelude**

Harpist Jordan Sullivan

*As we quiet our hearts for worship,  
please silence all phones and electronic devices.***Announcements and Welcome**Ben Phillips  
Pastor of Ministries**The Song of Ascent***God's people sang together as they gathered and  
traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.***Congregation***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 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 for ever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

**ADORATION OF GOD****Call to Worship:**

Isaiah 54:10

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you. "

**Invocation****Declaration of Truth:** (in unison)

Isaiah 9:6; 53:5

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace ...  
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. "

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.*

**Hymn of Praise***Angels From The Realms Of Glory*

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Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain: *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 man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear;

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One:

**CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE****Pastoral Prayer****OUR GIFTS TO GOD****Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

*Please pass and sign the registration pad in the hymnal rack.*

**The Gift of Music***All On A Silent Night*

Hand Bells

*The Doxology and Prayer*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Hymn of Testimony***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)*

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!"

Refrain: *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 the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun 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.

*Silent Night! Holy Night!*

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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!

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD****Reading of God's Word**

Luke 2:8-20

*All: The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

**Prayer of Illumination****Sermon**

"Angels' Song"

Dr. Paul Kooistra

**OUR RESPONSE****Prayer of Application****Hymn of Response***Angels We Have Heard on High*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)*

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.

**The Benediction and Threefold Amen**

Please join us for our  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service**  
Tonight in the Covenant Life Center gym at 4:30pm

Serving Christ at CMPC December 24

**Lock-up** Jason Cunningham and Steve Wentz

**Ushers** Anthony Watkins, Ryan Watkins, Charles Scarborough,  
Oscar Rodriguez, Mark Lane, Bo Porter,  
John Kapustay, Jeff Eichler, Morris Bingham,  
Doug Whitlock

**Infants/Toddlers** Marie Tiano and Will Owens

**Children's Church** Mike Owens

**4:30pm**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

**Wednesday**

No WNA on  
December 27, or January 3



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Nancy Burkhart, *Preschool Director*  
Floy Jumper, *Facility Manager* • Lynn Perkins, *Kitchen Coordinator*  
Susan MacLagan, *Accompanist* • Bev Bradbury, *Organist*

**Session**

Scott Allen • Bob Bishop • Bryan Cox • Jason Cunningham • Terry Ensley  
Andy Jobson • Dave Martin • Will McVey • Marty Moore • John Rollo  
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Benny Hurley • Jim Parks • Jack Sweeney • Andy Watkins

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*Thailand:* Tim & Rhianna Mills, Noah & Karleigh Stephens, Trey & Kiki Adams  
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**Americas**

*Canada:* Bill & Mae Lee Letchworth  
*Honduras:* Alex & Maggie Halbert • *Peru:* Andrew & Krista May, Julia King  
*El Salvador:* Clay & Hannah Jones • *Mexico:* David & Michelle Godzisz  
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*Last names and locations withheld due to the sensitive nature of their situations.*

David & Marcia • Franklin & Beth • Emily • Kurt & Jill • Chris & Savanna • Brian & Mandy  
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**Local Ministries**

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