



***Christmas Eve 2020***

***New Life Presbyterian Church***

## Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this evening to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this evening and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the evening. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this evening.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,



Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. The nursery is available, located off of the fellowship hall, for parents who wish to stay with their babies/young children during the service.

# Worshipping God

## Christmas Eve

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Reflections

*Immensity cloistered in thy dear womb,  
Now leaves His well-belov'd imprisonment,  
There He hath made Himself to His intent  
Weak enough, now into the world to come;  
But O, for thee, for Him, hath the inn no room?  
Yet lay Him in this stall, and from the Orient,  
Stars and wise men will travel to prevent  
The effect of Herod's jealous general doom.  
Seest thou, my soul, with thy faith's eyes, how He  
Which fills all place, yet none holds Him, doth lie?  
Was not His pity towards thee wondrous high,  
That would have need to be pitied by thee?  
Kiss Him, and with Him into Egypt go,  
With His kind mother, who partakes thy woe.*

– John Donne

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

– The Apostle John

### Prelude

**Call to Worship**

*“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

**Bidding and Prayer of Adoration**

*Minister: O come, let us adore Him!*

**People: O come, let us adore Him!**

*Minister: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**All: Lord God we praise you for creating man, and still more for restoring him in Christ. Your Son shared our weakness: may we share His glory, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen!**

**First Lesson: Genesis 3:15; Genesis 22:15-18**

*Wayne Blanding*

<sup>15</sup> “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” – *Genesis 3:15*

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.” – *Genesis 22:15-18*

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Text: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786);  
 tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)  
 Tune: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751



Irregular  
 ADESTE FIDELES  
<http://www.hymnary.org/hymn/WAR2003/182>

15“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.<sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.<sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall  
the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.



# Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Words by  
Charles Wesley

Music by  
Rowland Hugh Prichard

VERSE

F C F Gm/F C<sup>7</sup>/E F C Dm C F/A C<sup>7</sup>/G

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a

6 F F/A Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C F C F Gm/F C<sup>7</sup>/E F

set Thy peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re -  
child and yet a King; Born to reign in us for -

12 C Dm C F/A C<sup>7</sup>/G F F/A Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C F Am

-lease us, let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's  
-ev - er, now Thy gra - cious King - dom bring. By Thine

18 Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> Gm C<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>/E F F/E Dm F/A Gm B $\flat$ maj<sup>7</sup>

strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou  
own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a -

24 C<sup>sus</sup> C F/A Dm<sup>7</sup>/F Gm/F C<sup>7</sup>/E F F/E Dm<sup>6</sup>

art; Dear de - sire of ev' - ry  
-lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient

28 C B $\flat$ /D C<sup>7</sup>/E F F<sup>7</sup>/A B $\flat$  F/A B $\flat$  F/C C<sup>7</sup> F

na - tion, joy of ev' - ry long - ing heart.  
mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

<sup>1</sup> Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;  
siege is laid against us;  
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel  
on the cheek.

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has given birth;  
then the rest of his brothers shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he shall be their peace.

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

**Reader:**

Let the just rejoice,  
for their Justifier is born.  
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,  
for their Savior is born.  
Let the captives rejoice,  
for their Redeemer is born.  
Let slaves rejoice,  
for their Master is born.  
Let free men rejoice,  
for their Liberator is born.  
Let all Christians rejoice,  
for Jesus Christ is born.

**Lighting of the Advent Candles**

**Scripture:** *Titus 2:11-14*

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. <sup>12</sup>It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

**Prayer of Response:**

**All:**           **God of love, Father of all,  
the darkness that covered the earth  
has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh.  
Make us a people of this light.  
Make us faithful to your Word  
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# All My Heart This Night Rejoices

LUKE 2:11

Paul Gerhardt, *pub.*1656; *tr.* by Catherine Winkworth, *pub.*1858

EBELING

Johann G. Ebeling, 1666



1. All my heart this night re - joic - es, As I hear, far and near, sweet - est an - gel voic - es;  
2. Hark! a voice from yon - der man - ger, Soft and sweet, doth en - treat, "Flee from woe and dan - ger;  
3. Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; Here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and won - der,



"Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing, Till the air, eve - ry - where, now with joy is ring - ing.  
Breth - ren, come; from all that grieves you You are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."  
Love Him Who with love is yearn - ing; Hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.



PUBLIC DOMAIN

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

# Go Tell It On The Mountain

Words by  
John W. Work, Jr.

Music  
Traditional African-American Spiritual

## CHORUS

G C/G G Em<sup>7</sup> Am C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G C/G

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

5 G C/G G Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>9</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G Fine

Go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ \_ is born.

## VERSE

9 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> Am C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo a - bove the earth, rang  
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

14 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> A G/A A D<sup>7sus</sup> D<sup>7</sup> D.C.

-hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light. \_\_\_\_\_  
out the an - gel chor - us that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. \_\_\_\_\_  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bles - sed Christ - mas morn. \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



# Away in a Manger

Capo 3: F(D) B<sup>b</sup>(G) F(D) C<sup>7</sup>(A<sup>7</sup>)

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

F(D)

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus: look  
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

B<sup>b</sup>(G) F(D) C<sup>7</sup>(A<sup>7</sup>) F(D) Gm(Em) C<sup>7</sup>(A<sup>7</sup>) F(D) □

down where he lay; the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 down from on high and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 your ten - der care; pre - pare us for heav - en to live with you there.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



## New Life Presbyterian Church Vision, Mission, and Core Values

**Vision:** *To see York and beyond embrace God's beauty and extend God's love.*

**Mission:** *To receive the grace of God, to give the glory to God, and to follow the Word of God.*

### **Core Values:**

- **His Voice:** While God speaks through creation, God speaks directly in the Word of God. Therefore, we receive and obey God's Word.
- **His Plan:** Because God is love, God is on a mission to save. We seek to follow Him in His mission.
- **His Grace:** The good news for sinners is that Jesus saves, by grace. Through faith we believe in Christ and grow in Christ.
- **His Power:** Only God has power to save and sustain His people. We depend on the Holy Spirit.
- **His People:** In Christ, the church is made one. In the midst of both unity and diversity, we must love one another.
- **His Gifts:** Creation, redemption, and the ability to serve are all gifts from God. The entire church should be equipped and empowered to serve gratefully.
- **His Timing:** All things are in God's hands. Therefore, we trust in His ways.

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