

# CHRISTMASTIME

Who could have imagined that God should become man, infinite become finite, the Creator a creature, the Father of spirits become flesh, and the Lord of life be put to death? Who could conceive, that he who made all things of nothing, should be made himself of a woman, made by him? That he whom the heavens, and heaven of heavens cannot contain, should be contained in the narrow womb of a woman? That the only bread of life should be hungry, the only water of life be thirsty; the only rest be weary, the only ease be pained, and the only joy and consolation be sorrowful, exceeding sorrowful unto death?...

Who could have imagined that one, yea, millions, should be rich by another's poverty, filled by another's emptiness, be exalted by another's disgrace, healed by another's wounds, eased by another's pains, be absolved by another's condemnation, and live eternally by another's temporal death? Who could have imagined that infinite justice and infinite mercy should be made fast friends, and fully satisfied by one and the same action; that the greatest fury and the greatest favour, the greatest hatred and the greatest love, should concur in, and be manifested by one and the same thing?<sup>1</sup>

1 George Swinnock, *The Incomparableness of God* (1868; Edinburgh, UK: The Banner of Truth Trust, 2020), 106.

## NURSERY

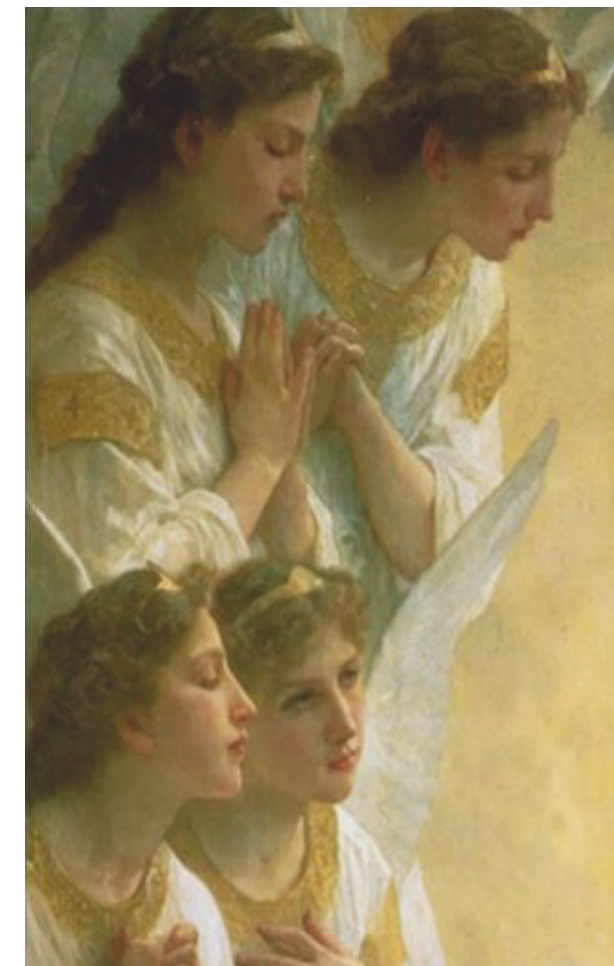
Nurseries are available for children three-years-old and under. They are located down the hallways behind the pulpit.

## POINSETTIAS

Those individuals who donated poinsettias for the Christmas season are invited to take them home at the conclusion of tonight's service.

## COVER

The cover art “Adoration of Angels” is a portion of the original painting by William-Adolphe Bouguereau of LaRochele, France (1825-1905), which was painted by him in 1900 entitled, “The Virgin with Angels.”



## “Adoration of Angels”

Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, AD 2025

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THE CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O’CLOCK

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, who has given us Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, which we beseech You to send forth more and more into our hearts, as a testimony of Your fatherly love to us, and to fill us with fervent love towards You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Prelude - “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”** arr. Wilbur Held  
*Text:*  
See *Trinity Hymnal*, #162

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

+\***The Hymn - #208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”** Adeste Fideles

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| O come, all ye faithful,<br>Joyful and triumphant,<br>O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;<br>Come and behold him<br>Born the King of angels; | Sing, choirs of angels;<br>Sing in exultation,<br>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;<br>Glory to God in the highest;<br><i>(Refrain)</i> |
| <i>Refrain:</i><br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>O come, let us adore him,<br>Christ the Lord.                  | Yea, Lord, we greet thee,<br>Born this happy morning:<br>Jesus, to thee be glory given;<br>Word of the Father,<br>Late in flesh appearing;   |
| God of God, Light of Light;<br>Lo, he abhors not the Virgin’s womb:<br>Very God, Begotten, not created;<br><i>(Refrain)</i>                 | <i>(Refrain)</i>   |

\* The Invocation and Prayer of Praise

\* The Nicene Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic\*\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

\*\* “catholic” means “universal” church, the true church in all times and places.

\* **The Christmas Gloria Patri** Puer Nobis

All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee,  
Whose advent sets Thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.  
Amen.

The Christmas Prayer

**The Reading of Scripture -** Luke 2:8–20 (pew Bible p. 857)  
Matthew 2:1–12 (pew Bible p. 807)

\* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Anthem - “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”** arr. Frank C. Butcher

*The Adult Choir*

*Text:*  
See *Trinity Hymnal*, #193

\* **The Psalter - Psalm 98:4–9** (*see last panel of bulletin*) Lyngham

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

“SHEPHERDS AND MAGI”

\* The Benediction

*Following the benediction, parents are dismissed to  
pick up their children at the nursery.*

\* **The Hymn - #195 “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”** Antioch

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows 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.

*Recessional begins during the first stanza.*

Recessional to Front Lawn for Caroling

*After the ministers recess, carolers may exit the building and  
proceed to the front grass area for the lighting of the candles.*

Psalm 98:4-9

1. <sup>4</sup>O all the earth, sing to the LORD And  
2. <sup>5</sup>With harp make mu - sic to the LORD; With  
3. <sup>7</sup>Let seas in all their vast - ness roar, The  
4. <sup>9</sup>Be - cause He comes, He sure - ly comes The

make a joy - ful sound, And make a joy - ful  
harp a psalm O sing! With harp a psalm O  
world, its liv - ing horde, The world, its liv - ing  
judge of earth to be! The judge of earth to

sound. Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;  
sing! <sup>6</sup>With horn and trum - pet raise a shout  
horde. <sup>8</sup>Let ri - vers clap, let moun - tains sing  
be! With jus - tice he will judge the world

Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!  
Be - fore the LORD, the King,  
Their joy be - fore the LORD!  
All men with e - qui - ty,  
Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!  
Be - fore the LORD, the King,  
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