



# Heavenly Peace

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,

AND ON EARTH PEACE,

GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14

***Welcome to worship this evening!***

*Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response. \* indicates please stand, if able*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

In darkness, in stillness,

**Jesus Christ is born.**

Gently, humbly,

**God has come among us.**

In hope, in peace,

**Jesus Christ is born.**

Come, let us adore the wonder of God's gift to us.

\*OPENING HYMN GTG 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*verses 1 & 3*

**O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;**

**O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!**

**Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!**

*Refrain:*

**O come, let us adore him;**

**O come, let us adore him;**

**O come, let us adore him,**

**Christ, the Lord!**

**3 Sing, choirs of angels;**

**sing in exultation;**

**sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest! *[Refrain]***

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

“Good news of great joy,” the angel said,

“for to you a savior is born.”

“Peace on earth,” the choir sang,

“for God reigns in the highest.”

“Follow me,” the star beckoned,

“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle,

**we watch for the Christmas story around us.**

Emmanuel has come and is coming.

**Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cantique de Noel

Soloist Mark Neville

The Message  
Introduction

We revisit the story as told by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John  
Pastor Jan

HYMN GTG 115

Away in a Manger

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

HYMN GTG 113

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.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**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!**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kindom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN GTG 122      Silent Night, Holy Night!

**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,  
heavenly 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.**

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

To you is born this day,  
to live and grow in you forever,  
a Savior, Jesus the Christ,  
who was from the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever.

Go and tell this good news of great joy:  
to us a Child is born. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

**Serving in Worship Today**

Pastor	Rev. Jan Wiersma
Guest Pianist	Peggy Pillers
Liturgist	Frank Jones
Special Music	Mark Neville
	Judy Kereakos
Christmas Candle Lighters	Judy Robb and family
IT Support	Bruce Felger