

HYMN #228 He Is Born
(All sing the refrain. The hymn leader sings the stanzas.)

Refrain:
He is born, the holy Child,
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!
He is born, the holy Child,
sing we all of the Savior mild.

*Thru long ages of the past,
prophets have foretold his coming;
thru long ages of the past,
now the time has come at last!*

Refrain

*O how lovely, O how pure
is this perfect child of heaven;
O how lovely, O how pure,
gracious gift to humankind!*

Refrain

*Jesus, Lord of all the world,
coming as a child among us,
Jesus, Lord of all the world,
grant to us thy heavenly peace.*

Refrain

(Please be seated)

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Sung by Music Leader and Congregation (please see insert)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER

Mickey Minnich and Rich Jones

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38

Worship Leader

ANTHEM

Winds Through the Olive Trees

Sandra Peter

Soloist: Betsy Miller

CHILDREN'S TALK

Rev. Raymond Brooks; puppeteer: Cecil Leppo

HYMN #626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.*

SERMON

Questions: Revelation versus Interpretation

Pastor Arun

HYMN #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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 field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light:
[Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:
[Refrain]

Saints, before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:
[Refrain]

RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE

He is Born

arr. Marcel Dupre

In Charge of Trinity: The Heavenly Father

Rev. Arun Andrews; Senior Pastor

Rev. Carl Ford Peterson; Pastor Emeritus

Todd Davis; Director of Music Ministries

Faith Perlick; Director of Family Ministries

Barbara Zimmerman; Parish Nurse

Anne Mathews; Creative Director, Communications & Publications

Nihal Andrews; Director of Media Ministry

Jamie Bream; Contemporary Worship Leader

*CCLI Song/ License #1758300, One License #A734025

** Advent text by Rev. Rich Davis, First Presbyterian Church, River Forest, IL

Celebrate from the Heart and Spirit Thought for the Week:

“Faith does not make things easy – it makes them possible.” By Bianca Olthoff

Upcoming Dates

2023 offering envelopes have been placed in mailboxes and on the hallway table. If you don't currently receive offering envelopes, but would like to, please notify the office.

Christmas Eve services: December 24th @ 6:30 & 10:30 PM

Combined services: Dec. 25th & Jan. 1st @ 9:30 AM, no Sunday School or Coffee Fellowship

Office Closed: December 23rd - January 1st

Revive worship: January 8 @ 9:40 Fellowship Hall, Contemporary service

Love Boxes: For the month of November we gave 35 Turkeys and a box with all the trimmings to complete their Thanksgiving meal. Each person expressed their happiness that our congregation donated food to be shared with their families. Starfish Ministry helped with the donation of coats for some of our people that needed them. For Christmas, 30 of our people in need will receive a baked ham for their family Christmas meal. Pick up for hams will be Dec. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will be not be distributing for the month of January. New drop off food hours will be 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Merry Christmas and thank you to all. God is good. Thank you love box team. Carol Evertts