



**First Christian Church – *Disciples of Christ*
and St. Clare Chapel**

Christmas Worship Service, Year C

Sunday, December 26, 2021 – 10:30 am

“Christmas comes, Christmas goes ... but God’s love is everlasting. Babies are born, babies grow up ... but God’s love is everlasting. Church doors are opened, and church doors close ... but God’s Love is everlasting. The God who made the entire world is with us here and now, and forever and ever.

Alleluia!”

Come, let us Worship our Risen Lord!

**Worship Begins - 10:30 am / Virtual Fellowship to Follow
Joyce Leak - Worship Leader / Elder – Don Leak
Pastors – Rev. Liz Miller and Rev. Dr. Jack Miller**

VIDEO – “God Became Flesh”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTROIT: “*Gloria*” (Video)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: O sing to the LORD a new song.

Many: Sing to the LORD, declare his glory among the nations.

One: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

Many: Honor and Majesty are before him.

One: Worship the LORD in holy splendor.

All: For the LORD has come in righteousness and glory.

INVOCATION / LORD’S PRAYER:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.”

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER:

“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.

SPECIAL VIDEO - Sandy Messick, Regional Minister

CHRISTMAS HYMN MEDLEY: *“Joy to the World”- “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” - “O Come All Ye Faithful”*

JOYS AND CONCERNS:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

PRAYER RESPONSE:

“Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.”

AT THE LORD’S TABLE:

Communion Meditation and Words of Institution

Meditation Hymn: *“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”*

Communion Prayer

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

The Invitation to Offering

“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.”

Offering Prayer

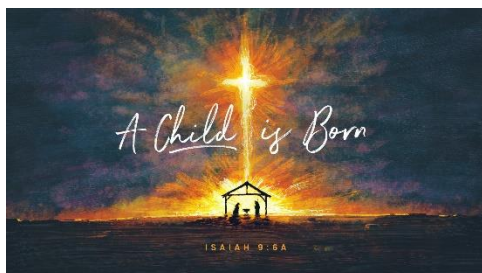
SPECIAL MUSIC - “O Holy Night” (Video)

MESSAGE SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 1-14 – (Video)

MESSAGE: *“Christmas Blessings”* - Rev. Liz Miller

CLOSING CHRISTMAS HYMN MEDLEY: *“The First Noel” - “Away in a Manger” - “Silent Night”*

BENEDICTION & FINAL BLESSING:



*We Wish You a Very Merry Christmas and a
Blessed New Year!*

Rev. Liz and Rev. Jack Miller

Christmas Hymn Medley

Joy to the world!

Isaac Watts (1719) - Public Domain - LifeWay Worship Music

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

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Hark! the herald angels sing!

Charles Wesley (1739) - Public Domain - LifeWay Worship Music

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 angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

O come, all ye faithful

John Francis Wade (1841) - Public Domain - LifeWay Worship Music

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.
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Christ the Lord!

Closing Christmas Hymn Medley

The First Noel

Anonymous (1833) - Public Domain - LifeWay Worship Music

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields
as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord. Who
hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath
bought. [Refrain]

Away in a Manger

John T. McFarland (1892) - Public Domain - LifeWay Worship Music

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

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 til' morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love
me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care and save us for
heaven to live with thee there.

Silent Night

John Mohr & John Freeman Young - Public Domain - LifeWay Worship Music

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! 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 angel's let us sing, Alleluia to our king; Christ the savior is born, Christ the savior is born.

Welcoming and Caring Communities of Faith

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Don't just Come to Church - Become the Church!

Zoom Worship Schedule

Sundays: 10:30 am / Virtual Social - 11:30 am

Email us to be added to our Zoom Worship invitation list.

Our church family is made up of The Mount Vernon First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and St. Clare Chapel, an independent Catholic community. We are a Welcoming, Caring, Communities of Faith! ALL people regardless of their gender, age, race, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family configuration, economic circumstance, or difference in abilities are welcome here. Since March of 2020, at the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic, we began a joint worship virtually on Zoom. What is our worship service like on Zoom? We strive to provide a virtual place of traditional worship presented in a forthright, supportive, and open atmosphere. Our Sunday gathering is filled with fellowship, prayer, music, sharing, and proclaiming the Word. As a community, we gather each week around our virtual table to celebrate communion. All are welcome at our table. We currently worship every Sunday at 10:30 am on Zoom. You are invited to join us! Just send us an email or contact one of our pastors and we will provide you with a link to join us.

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