



## Christmas Sunday Worship - December 25, 2022

### We Gather in God's Name

**Music for Meditation** – *The Joy of Christmas*—arr. Smith

**\*Opening Carol** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #164

**\*Call to Worship:** Christmas Beatitudes

Leader: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the age-old story of a babe born in Bethlehem. To them a little child will always mean hope and promise to a troubled world.

**People: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the Christmas star. Their lives may ever reflect its beauty and light.**

Leader: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the joy of giving lovingly to others. They shall share the gladness and joy of the shepherds and wise men of old.

**People: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the fragrant greens, the cheerful holly and soft flicker of candles. To them shall come bright memories of love and happiness.**

Leader: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the happy music of Christmas time. They shall have a song of joy ever singing in their hearts.

**People: Blessed are they who find Christmas in the message of the Prince of Peace. They will ever strive to help him bring peace on earth, good will to all.**

**Lord's Prayer** (tune: It Came Upon a Midnight Clear)

Our Father, Lord, on heavens throne, most holy be your name  
Your kingdom come, your will be done; on earth—in heaven the same  
Give us this day the food we need; forgiven may we be.  
Into temptation, do not lead; From evil set us free.

Yours is the kingdom; Unto you in grateful love we bow.  
And yours the power; Lord, let us view your mighty presence now.  
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung; by children, women and men.  
In every land, by every tongue, Forevermore, Amen!

## We Hear the Good News

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3  
Luke 2:8-12, 15-18  
Philippians 2:9-10

Carol Medley: I Saw Three ships                      Great Britain – 17<sup>th</sup> century  
                    Friendly Beasts                                      France – 12<sup>th</sup> century  
                    Huron Carol    Canadian Huron – 17<sup>th</sup> century  
                    Infant Holy, Infant Lowly                      Poland – 13<sup>th</sup> century

Children's Message

Hannah Fitch

Reflection:                                      For Whom the Bell Tolls

## We Respond to the Good News

Carol of Commitment:                      *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

1. I heard the bells on Christmas day; Their old familiar carols play,  
            And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.
2. I thought how as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom  
            Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.
3. And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
            "For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth good will to men.
4. Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
            The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth good will to men."
5. Then ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day;  
            A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Morning Prayer

Becky Sisk

Communion Carol                                      *Christians All, Your Lord is Coming*

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Offering – *Christmas Pastorale*—arr. Hughes

Response:                                      *The First Noel* vs.5

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## We are Sent Forth to Be the Good News

Benediction

Carol Response                                      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* vs. 3

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