

Christmas Eve at Muddy Creek
10:30 p.m., Saturday, December 24, 2022

Welcome, Waving Hello, Prelude

"O Come All Ye Faithful" (Hymn #283)

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God, in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

*Opening Dialogue

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*Opening Prayer

"Joy to the World" (Hymn #267)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive its king;
 let ev'ry heart prepare him room
 and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
 and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let all their songs employ,
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Christmas Gospel Part 1: Luke 2:1-7

"The First Noel" (Hymn #300)

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.

They looked up and saw a star
 shining in the east, beyond them far;
 and to the earth it gave great light,
 and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star
 three wise men came from country far;
 to seek for a king was their intent,
 and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Christmas Gospel Part 2: Luke 2:8-14

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (Hymn #289)

Angels we have heard on high
 sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 and the mountains in reply
 echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo; gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
 Christ whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee,
 Christ the Lord the newborn king. *Refrain*

Christmas Gospel Part 3: Luke 2:15-20

Sermon

Choir Anthem: *The Newborn King*.....D. Sensenig*Prayers P: Lord in your mercy C: **Hear our prayer**

Holy Communion

*Great Thanksgiving

*Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

Candle Lighting Solo: "*O Holy Night*" (Gail Bare, Soloist).....A. Adam

"Silent Night" (Hymn #281)

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, heav'nly 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 your holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Blessing

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (Hymn # 270)

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you 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!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

*Dismissal P: Go in peace. Your Light has come **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Today in Bethlehem*.....R. Parks

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