

## Christmas Service of Worship

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### *Welcome*

### *Prelude*

Break your heart to the Lord  
Break your heart to the God of the universe  
He is your own  
(Dash Watt, Naomi Joyce)

### *Call to Worship*

Luke 1:68-75

#### **Pastor**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people

#### **Congregation**

and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

#### **Pastor**

as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

#### **Congregation**

that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

#### **Pastor**

to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,

#### **Congregation**

to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

### *Response*

"All Is Well" (Joyces)

## *Congregational Response of Praise*

"Rejoice" (CCLI#251645)

All the earth rejoice, your Creator reigns

As the only awesome God,

The Alpha and the Omega,

Who was, is, and is to come.

Let the oceans roar and the mountains sing,

He provides for all He has made

So be comforted as He rules with grace.

Rejoice, all the earth, rejoice!

All the world rejoice, for the baby comes

As a humble prince in the night

The Word made flesh, Emmanuel,

The Everlasting Light.

Let the warmth of heav'n reach the coldest heart

With the gospel of His grace,

For His heel will bruise the serpent's head.

Rejoice, all the world, rejoice!

All the church rejoice, for your King returns

On a white horse wearing a crown.

He will break the sky with the angel's shout,

Descending from the clouds.

Then the dead will rise from the land and sea,

All His people will ascend.

We will reign with Him for eternity.

Rejoice, all the church, rejoice!

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Rejoice, all the church, rejoice!

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## *Prayer of Worship*

## *The Fullness of Time*

Galatians 4:4-7

#### **Pastor**

But when the fullness of time had come,

#### **Congregation**

God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

#### **Pastor**

And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying,

#### **Congregation**

"Abba! Father!"

#### **Pastor**

So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## *Congregational Response of Praise*

Hymn 207 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"

## *The Announcement of Christ's Birth*

Luke 1:26-38

## *Congregational Response of Worship*

Hymn 216 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

## *The Birth of Christ*

Luke 2:1-21

## *Congregational Response of Worship*

Hymn 214 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

## *Sermon*

Philippians 2:5-11

God Took the Form of a Servant

**Congregational Response of Worship**  
Hymn 208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

**Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

"Beside The Cradle Here I Stand" (Bach)  
(Naomi Joyce, Caroline Smith)

"Beside the cradle here I stand  
O Thou that ever livest  
And bring Thee with a willing hand  
The very gifts Thou givest  
Accept me, 'tis my mind and heart  
My soul, my strength, my ev'ry part  
That thou from me requirest."

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”  
(Gina Leeker, Naomi Joyce, Faith Joyce, Mike Joyce)

“Winter Snow” (Joyce Family)

“Baby King” (Joyce Family)

**Congregational Response of Thanksgiving**

Hymn 226 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

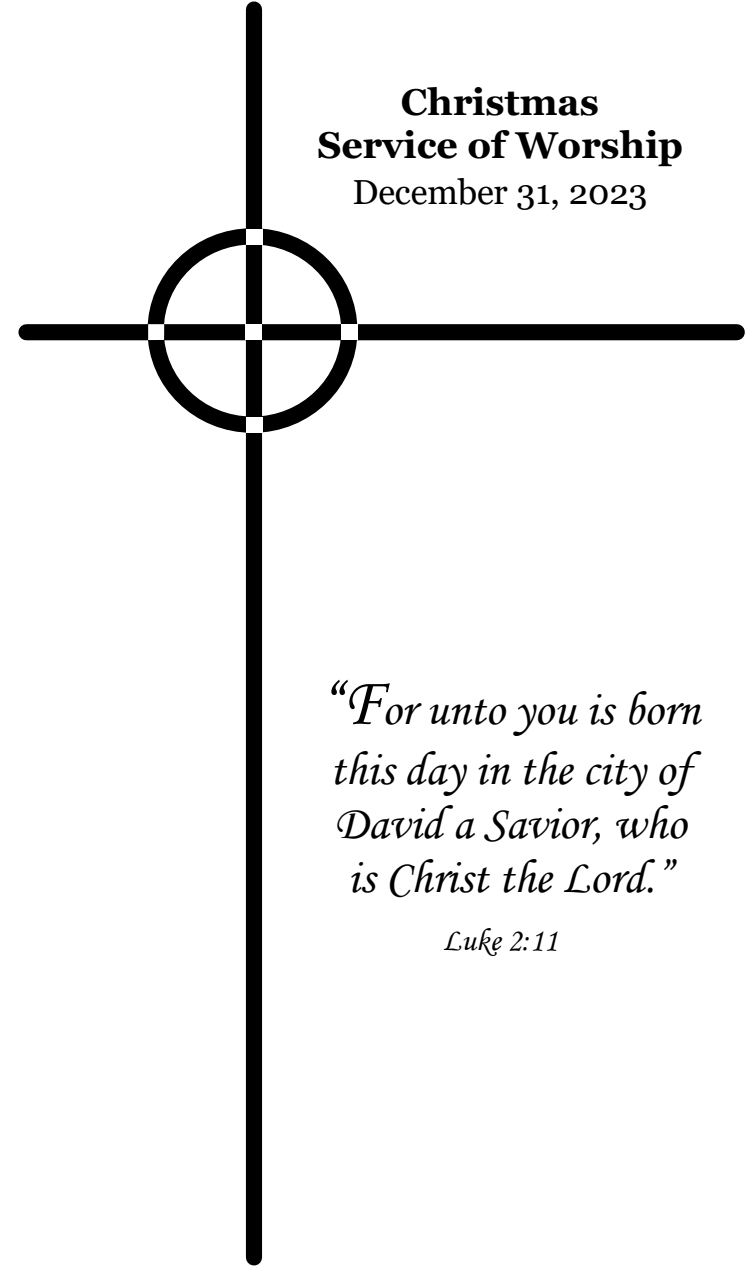
**Postlude**



*“Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth peace among  
those with whom he is pleased!”*  
*Luke 2:14*



**Christmas  
Service of Worship**  
December 31, 2023



*“For unto you is born  
this day in the city of  
David a Savior, who  
is Christ the Lord.”*

*Luke 2:11*

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