



# CHRISTMAS EVE

*For Unto Us a Savior is Born*

5 p.m., December 21, 2022

Shelby Presbyterian Church

*An Intergenerational Service*

*Celebrating the Birth of Our Lord*

\*Please Rise as You are Able

PRELUDE: "Once in Royal David's City" (Benkhe)

Emily Monroe

\*OPENING HYMN #88: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

verses 1 & 7

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew Mangione, Pastor

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: CHRIST CANDLE

Charles and Ann Langley, Thomas, Catherine, Elizabeth and Victoria Couch, Jeff and Anna Yerger

We have watched; we have waited

In hope. (pause)

for peace. (pause)

In joy! (pause)

With love. (pause)

**Now our redemption draws near!** (pause to light the Christ candle!)

Hear the Word of the Lord from Isaiah 9:

The people who walked in darkness will see a great light;

**Those who live in the dark land, the Light will shine on them.**

You, O God, will increase the nation, you will multiply their joy;

**They will rejoice before You like the joy and jubilation at the harvest,  
as people rejoice when they divide the spoil of victory.**

For a Child has been born for us, a Son is given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders;

**And He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace,

He shall rule on the throne of David and over his kingdom.

**He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forward and forevermore.**

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia! Amen!!**

**For you O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.**

**Come, let us bow before the God who made us;  
let every heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of God's hand.**

**For you O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.**

**Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens;  
Creator of the mountains and the seas, Lord of the stars and present to us now.**

**For you O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mike Jackson

In Jesus Christ our Lord the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. With confidence and joy, let us confess our sin.

SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mike Jackson

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA PATRI (sung): **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.**

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST: The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

Mike Jackson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, teach us to treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts' through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 96 Carol Ann Hoard, Minister of Christian Education/Families

THE FRIENDLY BEASTS: AN OLD ENGLISH CHRISTMAS CAROL

adapted from Tomie dePaola

Laura Wheeler and Jeff Hamilton

Camel - Lilly McCullough

Donkey - Lavery Hoard

Mouse - Anne Langley

Doves - Will Hoard & Zion Roberts

Sheep - Mary Ann LaSelva & Bly Borders

Cat - Charlie Brownlee

Cow - Lucas Stern

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 1:1-6

Mike Jackson

HYMN #113: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

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

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 1:18-25

Drew Mangione

HYMN #110: "Love Has Come"

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.**

**Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free. Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

SERMON: "Christmas Part 2: God's Solidarity With Us" Drew Mangione

SPECIAL MUSIC: "The First Nowell" (Innes) Emily Monroe and Sherry Thomas

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Brief Statement of Faith, lines 1-6): Carol Ann Hoard  
**In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

HYMN #134: "Joy to the World" verses 1 and 3

**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 nature sing.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

CALL TO PRESENT OFFERING Drew Mangione

Shelby Presbyterian Church Emergency Assistance Fund

Offertory: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" (Young)

\*DOXOLOGY (sung): **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL: "The Friendly Beasts"

**Jesus our brother, strong and good  
Was humbly born in a stable rude  
And the friendly beasts around him stood  
Jesus our brother, strong and good**

**Thus every beast by some good spell  
In the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel  
Of the gifts they gave Emmanuel**

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Carol Ann Hoard

To my enemy, **I give you forgiveness.** To my opponents, **I give you the benefit of the doubt.**  
To my friends, **I give you my faithfulness.** To my neighbor, **I give you my kind service.**  
To every child, **I give you a good example.** To all I meet, **I give you my love and grace.**  
To myself, **I give patience and perseverance.** To you O Lord, **I give you my whole self, all that I am.**

\*PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (As we sing, we will light our candles – please tilt your unlit candle toward a lit candle to light.)

\*HYMN #122: *“Silent Night, Holy Night!”*

**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, Heavenly 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 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 angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*HYMN #134: *“Joy to the World”*

verses 2 and 4

**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.**

**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.**

\*POSTLUDE: *“O Come All Ye Faithful”* (Payne)

Emily Monroe

**IF YOU PLACED** a poinsettia or poinsettias in the church, we thank you. You may pick it/them up following this service.

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING! HAVE A BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS!**

If you’re able to stay, we need your help putting the cushions back in the pews. Balcony cushions are in the sound room and Sanctuary cushions are in the Narthex Parlor.

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