



Christmas Eve at Middtown

Dec. 24 | 4:00 & 5:30 PM

Welcome!

**to Common Ground
Christian Church - Midtown**

Opening Prayer

Reader: Loving God, you made the world with your own two hands, not because you needed us, but because you *wanted* us to exist. Our very being is a testament to your love—we were made *from* love, and we were made *to* love. But real love can be costly, and we confess we are often unwilling or unable to make the sacrifice. So, we ask:

Everyone: Revive us, restore us, God, our Savior.

Reader: We want to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, but we get distracted by all the little things that add up over the course of our lives—the bills still need to be paid, the food still needs to be made, the chores still need to be done—and we neglect to make the same space for you as we would for others.

Everyone: Revive us, restore us, God, our Savior.

Reader: We want to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we often feel so ill-equipped; we don't know where to start, the need seems too great, and we are afraid that our attempts to help will only cause harm. Instead, we keep to ourselves.

Everyone: Revive us, restore us, God, our Savior.

Reader: We know there is rest to be found in your love, but we can fall captive to the rat race—we chase more, more, more, thinking it might earn us the love you have already freely given us.

Everyone: Every word from your lips is Love, oh God. Through the gift of your Son, you showed us not only how much you love us, but what true love really looks like. We believe in the power of that Love to redeem our lives and transform our world, to make all things new again. So, we ask: Revive us, restore us, God, our Savior.

Worship

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

CHORUS

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

"Angels We Have Heard On High"

VERSE 1

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

CHORUS

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
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VERSE 3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

"What Child Is This"

VERSE 1

What Child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

VERSE 3

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

"Away In A Manger"

VERSE 1

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

VERSE 3

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 fit us for heaven to live with Thee there

"Come All Ye Faithful"

VERSE 1

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

CHORUS

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

VERSE 3

Yea Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

"O Holy Night"

VERSE 1

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

CHORUS 1

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night, O night divine

VERSE 3

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

CHORUS 3

Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever
His power and glory, evermore proclaim
His power and glory, evermore proclaim

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

*2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

*3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.*

*4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.*

*5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.*

*6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.*

And he will be called

*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty
will accomplish this.*

Worship

"Behold Him"

VERSE 1

He who was before there was light

Walked across the pages of time

He who made every living thing

Behold Him

He who heard humanity's cry

Left His throne to wake as a child

He became like the least of us

Behold Him

CHORUS 1

Jesus Son of God Messiah, the Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him

VERSE 2

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame, even now He is in our midst
Behold Him, He who chose a criminal's end
Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life, Behold Him

CHORUS 2

Jesus Son of God Messiah, the Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him, Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior, Oh be still and behold Him

BRIDGE

Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy to receive all praise

"Silent Night"

VERSE 1

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

VERSE 2

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

VERSE 3

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

Congregational Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings of this holy Advent season. You are the source of life, of hope, and of all good things. We look forward to the coming of the light of Christ at Christmas. Help us to turn toward that light in our lives. We rejoice at the gift of your Son who taught us to love in your name. May we be people of peace and justice all the days of our lives. Your kingdom come and your will be done now and forever. Amen.

Worship

"Joy to the World"

VERSE 1

Joy to the world the Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing
And heaven heaven and nature sing

VERSE 2

Joy to the world the Saviour reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

VERSE 3

Oh 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 and wonders of His love

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