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# Crossroads

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

December 18, 2022

11:00 A.M.

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Pastor-Teacher**

Lay Leader: Christiana Ashong

Worship Leader: Susan Small

Pianist: Pastor Farmer

Drums: Ben Wilkinson

Percussion: Sam Jones

COMMUNITY NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP **Isaiah 40:9-10 (NLT)**

Leader: O Zion, messenger of good news, shout from the mountaintops!

**People: Shout it louder, O Jerusalem. Shout and do not be afraid.**

Leader: Tell the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!"

**People: Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power.**

OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE **Hymn No. 113**  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

ADVENT READING

+CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (*Unison*)

Merciful God, You sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. \*

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Lay Leader**

The Father has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. *Colossians 1:12-14 (NLT)*

JOYFUL OFFERING OF PRAISE  
*Jesus, the Light of the World*  
*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

+PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

GRATEFUL GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please remember the Deacons Fund in your giving this week. Text and online giving available. See the website for information.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC **Paula Simmons**  
*There is Something Going on in Bethlehem*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE **Hymn No. 103 (refrain)**  
*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC **Asia and Jayden Lewis**  
*O Holy Night*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (*Children ages 4 & 5 and grades 1st-5th are dismissed to class*)

+SCRIPTURE READING  
*If you are able, please stand for the reading of the Word of God.*

Luke 2:8-14

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

*Response: Thanks be to God*

SERMON **Pastor Richard Allen Farmer**  
Unpacking the Text of a Carol, part 2  
*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

MOMENT OF REFLECTION/CALL TO COMMITMENT

CLOSING HYMN **Hymn No. 106**  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

BENEDICTION **People: Amen**

POSTLUDE

WHEN THE GATHERING ENDS, THE SERVICE BEGINS.

GO IN PEACE, TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD.

*Hymn= Hymns for the Living Church.*

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+ No entry at this time. \*The Book of Common Worship,  
Westminster/John Knox Press c. 1993, page 174

**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

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

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

Refrain

See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid  
With us sing our Savior's birth.

Refrain

**JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Hark, the herald angels sing.  
Jesus, the Light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn king.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain:

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, The Light of the world.

Joyful, all you nations, rise.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

Christ, by highest heav'n adored.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Refrain

## **GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN**

### **Refrain:**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching,  
O'er silent flocks by night;  
Behold throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light.

### Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo above the earth;  
Rang out the angel chorus,  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

### Refrain

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

### Refrain

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## **O COME, LET US ADORE HIM**

O come let us adore Him, (3x)  
Christ the Lord.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Hymn No. 106*

## **HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

**Refrain:** 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 the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail, the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.

### Refrain

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

### **Refrain**

Charles Wesley/Felix Mendelssohn