



Worship Guide

December 11, 2022



Jesus is better.

Order of Service

Joy to the World

Artist: Shane & Shane

Passing the Peace*

Call to Worship

James 5:7-11

O Come All Ye Faithful

Artist: The Worship Initiative

Corporate Prayer of Confession

There is a Fountain

Traditional Hymn

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Artist: City Alight

Sermon

The Characters of Christmas

Jesus Messiah

Artist: Chris Tomlin

Communion

In Christ Alone

Artist: Shane & Shane

Confession of Faith

Doxology

**Explanations of these elements below*

Joy to the World (Joyful Joyful)

*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 and nature sing*

*Joy to the world the Savior 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*

*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*

*Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of Love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above
Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above*

***"Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell
in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of
light, and the earth will give birth to the dead."***

Isaiah 26:19

Passing the Peace

“Christian worship is filled with profound actions: heads bowed in prayer, arms raised in praise, standing in reverence during a Scripture reading, coming forward to give an offering. One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace.

The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).

What’s more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21). Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God’s call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

O Come All Ye Faithful

*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*

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

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

*True God of true God
Light from light eternal
Lo He shuns not the virgin's womb
Son of the Father Begotten not created*

*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*

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

Matthew 2:10-11

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you reveal to us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We confess that we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, anger and other things that grieve your heart. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

There is a Fountain

*There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he Wash all my sins away*

*Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die*

*When this poor lisp'ing stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
Then in a nobler sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save*

"Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."

1 John 3:8

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

*What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine,
I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed*

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave*

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

*With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne*

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

***"he saved us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the
washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,"
Titus 3:5***

Is He Worthy?

*He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing*

**Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

*His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so a-mazing love so a-mazing*

*All our hope is in You All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God The Light of the world*

***"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so
that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
2 Corinthians 5:21***

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

***"that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together
in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of
understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which
is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom
and knowledge."***

Colossians 2:2-3

Confession of Faith

***We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,***

*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.*

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic [universal] Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

Amen.

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, & Holy Ghost
Amen*

Announcements



Christmas Eve at Grace

DECEMBER 24, 2022 || 5:00PM



WORSHIP WITH US

Christmas Morning



10:30 AM