

“For God so loved the world...

**\* Call to Worship:**

This is the day the Lord has made,

**Let us be glad and rejoice in it.**

“Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

**\* God’s Greeting**

**\* O Come All Ye Faithful** #193:1,3 (HFG)

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;

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

**\* Angels We Have Heard on High** #192:1,3 (HFG)

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.  
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 new-born King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*\* indicates to stand if you are able*

...that He gave His only begotten Son...

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Congregational Response:

**For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given  
and the government will be upon His shoulders...  
of the increase of His government  
and peace there will be no end.  
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Almighty God, Everlasting Father,  
the Prince of Peace.**

**That Beautiful Name**

I know of a name, a beautiful name,  
That angels brought down to earth;  
They whispered it low, one night long ago,  
To a maiden of lowly birth.

*Refrain:* That beautiful Name, that beautiful Name,  
From sin has power to free us!  
That beautiful Name, that wonderful Name,  
That matchless Name is Jesus!

I know of a Name, a beautiful Name,  
That unto a Babe was given;  
The stars glittered bright throughout that glad night,  
And angels praised God in Heav’n. *Refrain*

**\* Joy to the World** #171:1,3,4 (HFG)

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Lighthouse Mission

**Offertory: Christmas Grace** ~ Ministry of Music

**Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-20**

...that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish...

**\* Hark the Herald Angels Sing** #184:1,3 (HFG)

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 the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen 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.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”

**\* Scripture: II Corinthians 4:6; 9:15** pg. 1210; 1214

<sup>6</sup> For God,  
who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,”  
has shone in our hearts to give the light of the  
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of  
Jesus Christ.

<sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks Be To God.**

**Message: How Do You Describe the Indescribable?**

**Prayer**

*...but shall have everlasting life!"*

\* **Angels From the Realms of Glory** #190:1,4 (HFG)

Angels, from the realms of glory  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the alter bending  
Watching long in hope and fear  
Suddenly the Lord, descending  
In His temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

\* **Parting Blessing**

\* **Redeeming Love** #199:1 (HFG)

From God's heaven to a manger  
From great riches to the poor,  
Came the holy Son of God, a little Child;  
From the azure halls of heaven  
To a lowly manger stall,  
Jesus came, and here He gave His life for all.

*Refrain* Redeeming love, a love that knows no limit;  
Redeeming love, a love that never dies;  
My soul shall sing throughout the endless ages  
The adoration of this great love on high.

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**Offering:** Lighthouse Mission Ministries is a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923. It is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children. For more information visit [www.thelighthousemission.org](http://www.thelighthousemission.org).

**Sermon Notes**

*First Christian Reformed Church  
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Today in the  
town of David a  
Savior has been  
born to you....

Luke 2:11



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*Christmas Day  
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10:00 a.m. Service*