

Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart with very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Cong: Amen.



Advent 2025



The Miracles of Christmas

OPENING PRAYER:

*Pastor: O Lord, through Your holy word You gladden
Your people with the anticipation of our redemption.
Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we may by faith joyfully
receive Your Son as our Redeemer that He might give
us the right to be called children of God and heirs of
heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN: *"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"*

**Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.**

**Jesus comes again in mercy,
When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heart-felt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Comes to save us from despair.**

**Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Now the gate of death is riv'n.**

**"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"**

**And idol forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his scepter,
Our Lord and God for aye.
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"
Amen.**

SERMON: *The following series will be the focus of our meditations for the mid-week Advent services.*

The Miracles of Christmas

<u>December 3</u>	<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 17</u>
Text: Galatians 4:4-5	Text: John 3:16	Text: Isaiah 53:4-5
The Miracle of The Moment	The Miracle of The Message	The Miracle of The Method

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"*

**Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,**

saying, (14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

HYMN

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"

A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure:
The Virgin bears the Infant
With virgin honor pure!
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans, clap your hands.
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

Since all He comes to ransom,
By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em
The Savior and the Lord.
Repeat the hymn again:

Jesus comes in joy and sorrow,
Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us,
Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cheering e'en our failing years.

Jesus comes on clouds triumphant
When the heavens shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory;
Let us, then, our homage pay,
"Alleluia" ever singing
Till the dawn of endless day.
Amen.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Cong: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Cong: The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Pastor: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

Cong: Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Pastor: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

Cong: To make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Pastor: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Cong: Praise the LORD!

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-14

(ESV) In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (29) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (30) And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (32) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, (33) and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (34) And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" (35) And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. (36) And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old

age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. (37) For nothing will be impossible with God." (38) And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her... (2:1) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. (2) This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. (3) And all went to be registered, each to his own town. (4) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, (5) to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. (6) And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. (7) And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (8) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. (10) And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (12) And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." (13) And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and