

We Go Forth with Joy

*Words of Sending

Jesus Christ is born! Alleluia! Our God has come among us!

Let the whole earth rejoice!

Let us leave the manger and return to our daily routines,
knowing that we have seen the Lord
and glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen.

Alleluia! Our God is with us!

Go forth, with full confidence and joy that you have seen the Messiah.

Alleluia! Our God is with us!

Go forth to spread the Good News wherever you go,
sharing God's love and promise with all whom you meet.

Jesus Christ is born! Alleluia!

*Benediction

*Song: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

LUYH 93:1,3

All who wish to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus," please gather at the front of church during the singing of this song. Music will be available.

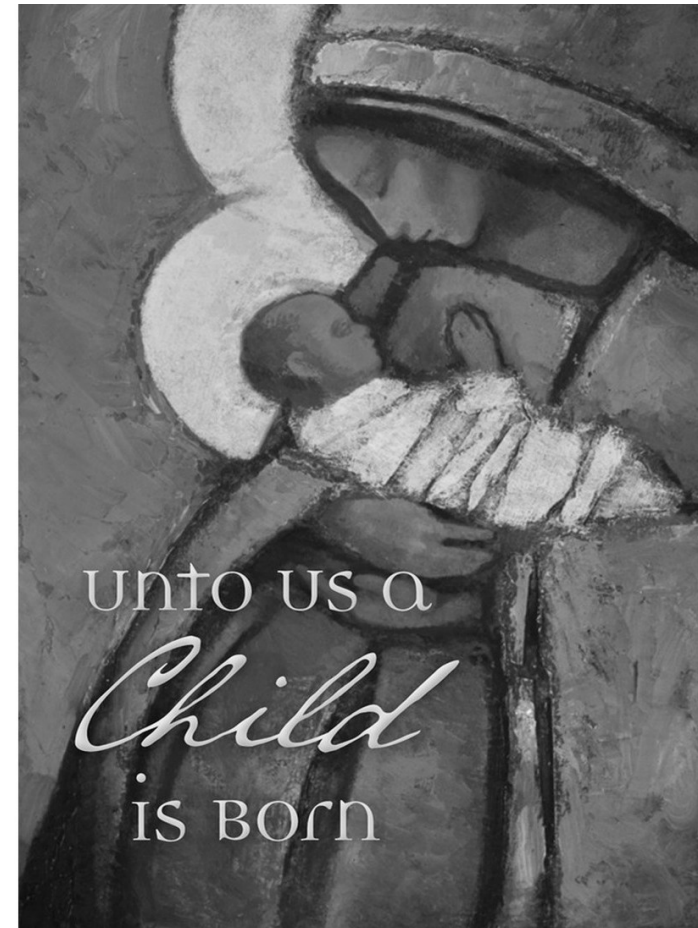
*Closing Song: "Hallelujah Chorus"

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. John Kok ♦ Organ/Piano: Donna Brue ♦ Soloist: Kate Henreckson
Brass: Kurt Frisch, Jeff Hall, Mike Janssen, Sara Ploegstra
Readers: Dennis & Pam DeJong, Hannah Landman
Candle Lighters: Kelly & April Crull and family
Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ Projection: Marty Vander Plaats
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Christmas Day

December 25, 2017



Isaiah 9:6

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.

God Gathers Us for Worship

Lighting of the Christ Candle: "In the Heavens Shone a Star" LUYH 94

The Announcement: Isaiah 9:2,6 p.1072

Call to Worship

All God's people—boys and girls, women, men:

Come and worship!

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels:

Come and worship! Come and worship!

All who need the Savior, all who long for comfort!

Come and worship! Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

*Song: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" LUYH 76:1,2,4

*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" LUYH 81:1,4,5

The Christmas Psalm: Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made his salvation known

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—

**Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Our Prayer of Praise

Victorious God, all creation lifts its voice in a cacophony of joyful praise.

In your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

you have come to judge the world in truth and equity.

We await his return to make all things new,
joining creation's chorus with our new songs of praise.

Amen.

*Song: "Joy to the World" LUYH 92:1,2,4

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

The Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20 p.1590

Song: "Away in a Manger" LUYH 86

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-28, 18:1-6, 19:13-17 p.1513, 1526, 1528

Sermon: "We've All Been There" Dr. John Kok

We Respond with Thanksgiving

*Song of Response: "Once in Royal David's City" LUYH 87:1,3,4,5

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support denominational and local outreach commitments through our General Fund.

*Song: "Angels We Have Heard on High" LUYH 82:1,3