



*“Calling all people to receive, demonstrate,
and declare God’s transforming grace through
Jesus Christ.”*

Welcome to Chapel City Church –

Merry Christmas, and welcome to Chapel City Church! Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. But this is so much more than the story of an overlooked baby born into obscurity. It's more than angels and shepherds, more than wisemen and their gifts. This is when we remember the fact that the God of all creation sent his son into the world. The infinite and eternal took on flesh and walked among us. That's why Jesus would be called Immanuel, God with us. Our sin separated us from God, and nothing that we could do would ever bridge that gap. We were lost, dead in our sin, and facing the right and righteous judgment of God. But then, God made a way. That baby born in Bethlehem would live in perfect obedience to God. He would teach, he would heal, he would call people to turn from their sin. Ultimately, he himself would die for the sins of his people. The baby that was born in humility would continue to humble himself so that we might be called sons and daughters of God. We have much to celebrate! If you have any questions, or if you would like someone to pray with you and for you, please reach out and let us know.

Order of Worship –

Welcome

Advent Reading

Scripture: Luke 1:39-45

Holy is His Name

Scripture: Luke 2:1-4

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Scripture: Luke 2:6-14

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

The First Noel

Scripture: Luke 1:16-20

Silent Night

He Who is Mighty

Luke 1:46-55

Closing Songs

O Holy Night / Silent Night

“At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!’”

Luke 1:39-45

“Holy Is His Name”

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age
And ho-ly, ho-ly; Ho-ly is His name (2X)

“About this time Caesar Augustus, the Roman emperor, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the nation. (This census was taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) Everyone was required to return to his ancestral home for this registration. And because Joseph was a member of the royal line, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, King David’s ancient home—journeying there from the Galilean village of Nazareth.”

Luke 2:1-4

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Phillips Brooks/Lewis H. Redner

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv’n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav’n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’” Luke 2:6-14

“It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” & “The First Noel”

Sears, Edmund H. / Willis, Richard S. | English carol, before 1823/Sandys' "Christmas Carols" 1833

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s
all-gracious King.”

The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

The first No - el the angel did say

Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep,

On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el, born is the Ki-ng of Is-ra-el (2X)

“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.” **Luke 2:16-20**

“Silent Night”

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace! Sleep in heavenly peace!
Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face with the
dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at thy birth!

“O Holy Night”/” Silent Night” (Reprise)

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O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!
O ni-ght divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night , divine—O night, O night divine!

With humble hearts we bow in adoration
Before this Child, gift of God’s matchless love
Sent from on high to purchase our salvation
That we might dwell with Him ever above
What grace untold to leave the bliss of glory
And die for sinners guilty and forlorn
Fall on your knees, repeat the wondrous story!
O ni-ght divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night , divine—O night, O night divine!

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