



## The Birth of Jesus

*St. Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)*

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made



# The Christmas Pageant

10:30a.m.

**Processional Hymn**      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”      **107**

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath open'd heaven's door, and we are blessed for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**Opening Sentences:**      **Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.**

*Response:*      *His mercy endures forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Purity and Bidding Prayer**

**Announcements:**

**Offertory**      *Of the Father's Love Begotten*      *Hymnal 82*

**Doxology**      *What Child Is This V. 3*      *Hymnal 115*

The Pageant is the story of the Nativity.

The congregation is asked to

St. Andrew  
Brotherhood  
Shepherd in  
December  
construction  
space, kitchen  
capital campaign  
Center, Corner  
added. The  
worship space  
the renovation



## Final Prayer and Benediction

### Recessional Hymn: 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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!

*Refrain:* Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the Incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Refrain*



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### “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymn 79

O 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.

For Christ is born of Mary  
 And gathered all above,  
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
 Their watch of wond’ring love.  
 O morning stars, together  
 Proclaim the holy birth!  
 And praises sing to God the King,  
 And peace to men on earth.

### “Away in a Manger”

Hymn 101

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
 The little Lord Jesus  
 laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky  
 looked down where he lay,  
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,



### “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Hymn 83 vv 1-3,5

*(Please stand)*

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.*

God from God, Light from Light  
 eternal, Lo! He abhors not  
 the Virgin’s womb;  
 Only begotten Son of the Father;  
*Refrain*

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;  
 Glory to God glory in the highest;  
*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 Born this happy morning;  
 Jesus to thee be glory giv’n  
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
*Refrain*

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