

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb
Mrs. Beth Dampf
Pastor
Organist

December 25, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Day

**All those who are able, please stand.*

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: CHRIST CHILD (Please remain seated)

Advent Reading: The Christ Child

Leader: This child would bring **hope**. Not just a wish, but the confidence that God would defeat Satan, that good would win over evil.

Lighting of The Candle of HOPE.

Leader: This child would bring **peace**, even in the midst of great suffering and trials – a peace that assures his followers that he is in control even when it feels like nobody is.

Lighting of The Candle of PEACE.

Leader: This child would bring **joy**, for he would deliver us.

Lighting of The Candle of JOY.

Leader: This child would bring **love** – a love that would never be taken away, a love that is beyond our understanding.

Lighting of The Candle of LOVE.

Leader: Finally, we light the center candle. This is the CHRIST candle. Jesus is born. Jesus has come. Jesus is our salvation.
From the book of Galatians:

Congregation:

**“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under law.”**

*Hymn No. 127 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

*Prayer of the Day

**Great God of love and light, we thank you now for the
light of that special star over two thousand years ago that
guided humble shepherds and learned wise men to the
holy babe. Lead us now, by the light of your love, that we
also may follow you to the new life in him. In celebration
of the birthday of our King and our Savior, Jesus Christ,
we pray. Amen.**

*Call to Praise

O Lord, open our lips!

And our mouths shall show forth your praise!

*Act of Praise “*Gloria Patri*”

Invitation to Children’s Time

Children’s Time

Pastor Cobb

Special Music

Dave and Cressida Gattermeir

Prayer of Illumination

Dave Gattermeir

O Christ, we watch and wait for the warmth and light of your presence. As candlelight overcomes the darkness, so your light radiates within us and warms the wintry seasons of our lives. We live with hope that the good news of your coming will warm and brighten every heart, and the world will fall to its knees in joy. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Dave Gattermeir

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:1-5 p. 633

Second Lesson: Luke 1:76-80 p. 889

Christmas Message **Christmas Carols of Advent-
Away in a Manger Luke 2:6-7**

Hymn No. 132 “Away in a Manger”

Invitation to the Offering

Christmas Envelope

**(in the offering envelopes box) goes to Sunday School to use for
Vacation Bible School and for Camp expenses.**

The Offering of Our Gifts and Ourselves

*Response *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*This Sacrament is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ
and share in the community of God’s people.*

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And with you also.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we pray together -

The Lord's Prayer (*using debts and debtors*)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

During the singing of the Communion hymn, please come forward as invited by the usher. When you receive the bread, intinct [dip] it in the cup, take and eat, and then return to your pew.

Communion Carol

No. 100 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, we thank you for uniting us in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead:

**Our lips that have sung your praises
may speak your truth;**

**Our eyes that have seen your love
may look with compassion on the needs of the world;**

**Our hands that have held this loaf and cup
may be active in your service.**

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Hymn No. 110 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

*Blessing

Glory to God in the highest!

Jesus is born! God has come to us and shared our common lot, and so we rejoice!

Go forth rejoicing in the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Thank you to the **Justin Kilmer Family** for leading the Advent Call to Worship this morning.

For those that ordered poinsettias, they can be picked up starting after church today. Your contribution made the sanctuary look beautiful! Thanks from the Worship Committee.

Military pictures that were brought in for the Historical Cabinet can be picked up anytime in the church office. Thanks for your service!!

The Food Bank is in need of these items: Mac & Cheese, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Cereal and Dry Goods like rice, beans, and crackers. They can be dropped off here at the church or at the Food Bank.

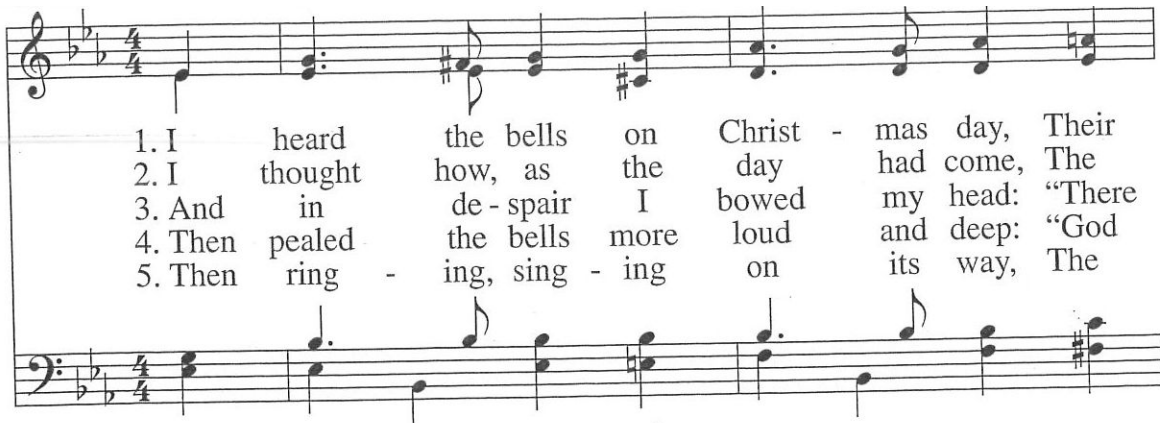
Annual Reports for Committees & Organizations are due in the Church Office by December 30, 2022.
Financial reports are due by January 6, 2023.

Offering Envelope Boxes

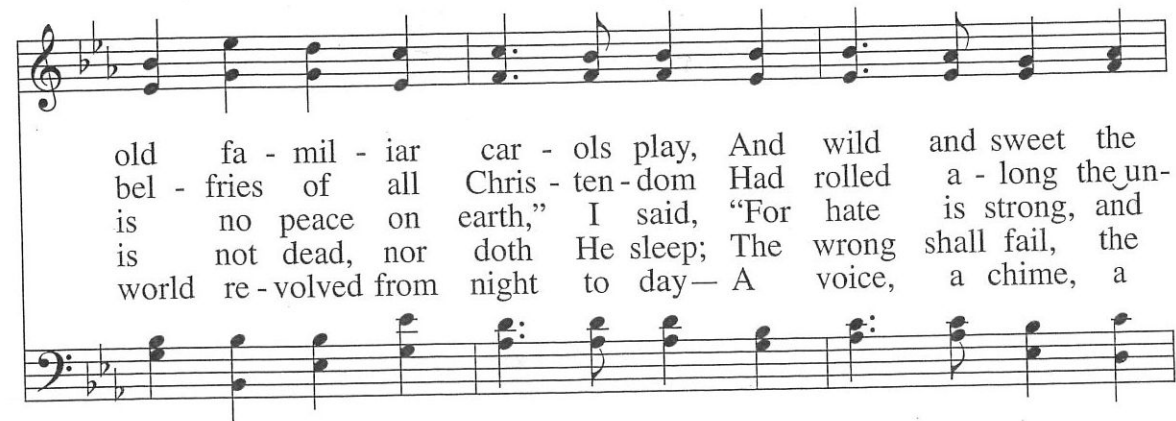
Offering envelope boxes for 2023 have been delayed. The company we ordered from is experiencing difficulties getting them printed. We will have some blank envelopes with labels for you to pick up in the back of the church next Sunday, stop by the church office or feel free to use your own until they come in. Be sure to put your name on the envelope. Keep in mind, online giving is also an option.

Have a Blessed Christmas Day!

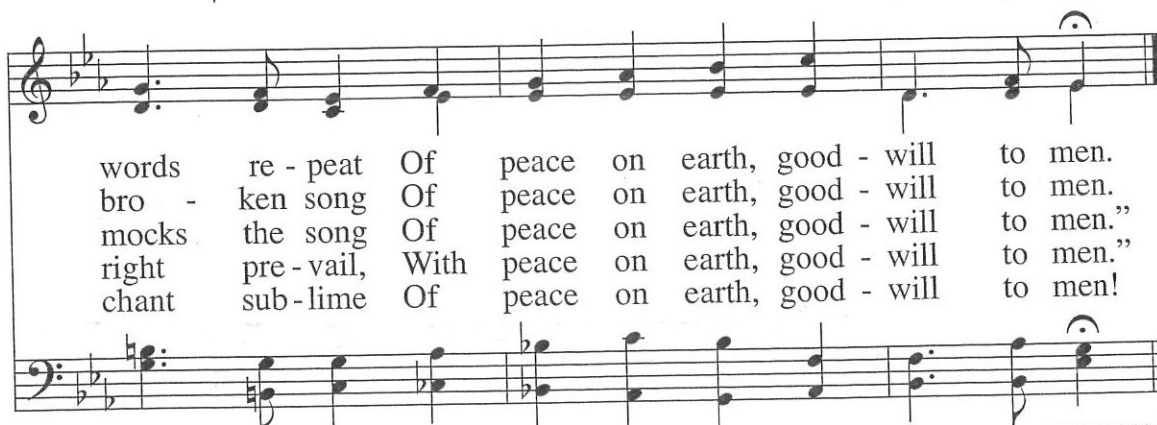
I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day



1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day, Their
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, The
 3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There
 4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God
 5. Then ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The



old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, And wild and sweet the
 bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom Had rolled a - long the un -
 is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and
 is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the
 world re - volved from night to day— A voice, a chime, a



words re - peat Of peace on earth, good - will to men.
 bro - ken song Of peace on earth, good - will to men.
 mocks the song Of peace on earth, good - will to men."
 right pre - vail, With peace on earth, good - will to men."
 chant sub - lime Of peace on earth, good - will to men!

Away in a Manager

Unison

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for His bed,
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask You to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down His sweet head.
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes.
Close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray.

The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
I love You, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in Your ten - der care,

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
And fit us for heav - en to live with You there.

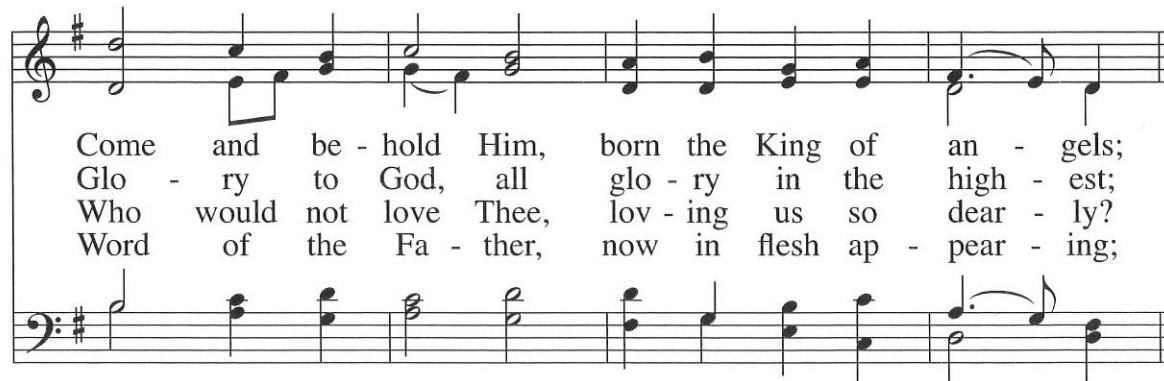
O Come, All Ye Faithful



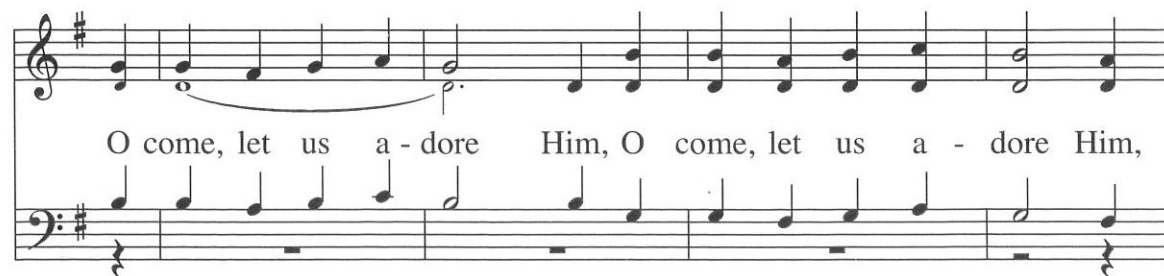
1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Child for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!
We would em - brace Thee, with love and awe;
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;



Come and be - hold Him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Who would not love Thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses Harmony

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night, Be -
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a - bove the earth Rang
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum-ble Christ was born, And

hold through-out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

D.C.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he arose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the one
Holy universal Christian Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.



GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory for ever. Amen.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings
flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



KYRIE

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.
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