

## Christmas Day 2022

Pre-Service: Glory (Matt Maher)

Welcome

Call to Worship - ~ posted by **Christine Jerrett**.

God is telling a story in our lives.

A story full of God's promises, and our struggles to trust;  
full of mystery and angels with surprising news;  
full of hard endings, and unexpected new beginnings.

Come, hear the story  
pay attention to the angels' message  
in your heart  
in this place and time.

**We join all creation in worshipping the God who comes in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, full of grace and truth;  
The one who makes our story holy.**

Opening Song: Joy to The World

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Time of Praise: Hark the Herald Angel Sings  
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Candle Lighting

Ere Zij God (Henny Spelt - Dec. 21)

Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, We praise you for sending your light and love, Jesus the Messiah, into this world. We confess that we often live like the light did not defeat the darkness. We confess that we often live as though Jesus is not returning in glorious light. We sometimes confine Christ to parts of our lives and our faith becomes small. We do not joyfully serve and expectantly worship. Forgive us for ignoring Jesus' light. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light, so your grace illuminates the dark places of our hearts, our community, and our world. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the Good News: The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us,  
has come to us in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

**He binds up the broken-hearted, and relieves our burden of sin.**

While it is true that we have sinned, It is a greater truth that, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

**God has shown his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died and rose for us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Song: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (Henk Wikkerink - Dec. 21)

Children's Blessing

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: Luke 2:1-20 (esp. 8-10): This is good news

Song of Response: Angels We Have Heard on High

Congregational Prayer

Offering - during offering sing Mary Did You Know

God's Parting Blessing

Go Tell It On the Mountain