

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Sunday School
Presents



December 19, 2021 @ 10am

376 Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the

low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in

ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like

was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P When all was still, and it was midnight, your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

C Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

P The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his anointed.

C He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision.

P Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

- C** “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** When all was still, and it was midnight, your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with Thy Spirit.**
- P** Let us pray: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 High - est, most ho - ly, Light of Light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
 Born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal He comes;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to Thee — be — glo - ry giv'n!

Come and be - hold Him Born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God — In — the — high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

Refrain

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

- P** Thank you, heavenly Father, for gathering us today. We've come to celebrate the miracle of your grace and love—a love so great that you sent your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior! Lead us to a sense of wonder and awe as we recall the miracles of the first Christmas, and help us want to share the Good News of Christ's birth with everyone.

The ABCs of Christmas

- A** A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away. . .
 Well, not a galaxy far, far away. A long time ago, in a land sort of far away. It is a period of unrest for the people of God. The Empire of King Herod – backed by the Roman oppressors – is a dark force in the land of Judah. Who can bring light into this dark situation?

Who can bring light into the even deeper darkness of our own sin?

Men from the east believe they have found the answer. These men – who some call wise, some call Magi, some say they were kings – they spot a new light in the night sky. They follow this star believing that it will lead them to another light. A light for all men and women. The light of the world – the one sent by God.

Using the alphabet, we will share things, events, and Simple and true, yet deep and meaningful, looking toward the Light of the world.

Carol: ABC

A is for an angel, Gabriel, who began the story with a greeting.

B is for Bethlehem, where our story takes place.

C is for a census.



368 Angels We Have Heard on High

verses 1 & 2 kids only; congregation will join us for verse 3

3 Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

D is for the donkey that carried a family on their long journey to Bethlehem to be counted.

E is for exhausted.

F is for family.



361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

verse 1 kids only; congregation verses 2-4

2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove

3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!

4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.

So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.

Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,

No ear may hear His com - ing; But in this world of sin,

We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

And prais - es sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.

O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

G is for the Good News.

H is for herds.

Clarinet Solo: Little Drummer Boy

Clara Higgins

I is for Immanuel.

J is for Jesus, the little baby.

K is for kindness.

Hand Chimes: God Himself is Present

Confirmation Students

L is for the love.

M is for the manger.

Little baby Jesus,
Sleeping in the hay,
You are the greatest miracle,
Born on Christmas day!

365 Away in a Manger

verse 1 West Wing Kids only; verse 3 congregation and big kids will join



N is for Noel

O is for offering.

Carol: We Three Kings

P is for prayer, and praise, pondering, and peace.

Q is for quietness.

Carol: Still, Still, Still *verse 1 kids only; congregation will join us for verse 2*

1. Still, still still, my heart with joy is filled
I'd sing you a song and watch by your manger
Guard you from harm and keep you from danger
Still, still, still, my heart with joy is filled.
2. Sleep, sleep, sleep, with the oxen and the sheep.
The shepherds come to see thy glory
Angels bend low to tell thy story.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, with the oxen and the sheep.

R is for revelation.

S is for one special star.

T is for trust, and truth.

U is for unity.

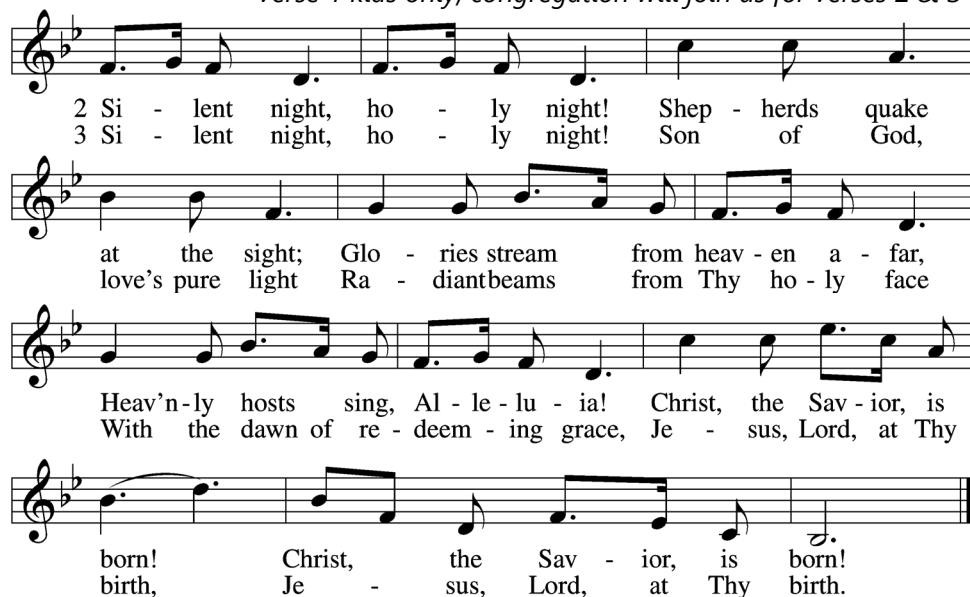
V is for vulnerable.

W is for wise men—also called Magi.



363 Silent Night, Holy Night

verse 1 kids only; congregation will join us for verses 2 & 3



2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,
at the sight; Glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light Ra - diant beams from Thy ho - ly face
Heav'n-ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.

X is for Xmas.

Χριστός

Y is for You!

Z is for zeal.

A What a story!

Christ has come. In this dark world, a light has come. This Christmas, remember the child born in a stable. Remember the star that led the way for those who believed. Jesus is the light of the world born on that first Christmas night.

This is the journey of faith in Jesus. God has put that star in the sky for us – a marker, a promise, a guide. We just have to decide to make that Star Trip toward him.

May the Lord Be With You!

Carol: Happy Birthday Jesus

verse Kids only; congregation & Kids for the Refrain

Refrain: Happy Birthday Jesus! Happy Birthday to the Lord!
Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday to the Lord!

Closing Prayer

P We pray together.

C Lord, Jesus Christ, bright morning star, we worship you with praise and thanksgiving. For the light with which you fill the earth, for the direction you give for us to follow, for the truth on which we stand firmly, for the opportunity to shine to others. Bless all our Christmas festivities and fill them with Your presence among us as we celebrate Your birth. You are our Lord! You are our Savior! In Your name we pray. Amen.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with ✠ you all.

C Amen.

Announcements

387 Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their songs em -
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow Nor thorns in - fest the
4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions
King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him
ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
ground; He comes to make His bless - ings
prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous -
room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
ness And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His
sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

Please place your offering in an offering plate as you depart.

Thank you so much for coming to our Christmas Program. Our Sunday School students have worked extremely hard to memorize their parts so they can tell the most beautiful story, The Birth of Jesus.

Thank you to everyone who lent their time and talents to help us put together this program. We couldn't have done it without you.

*All of our AMAZING Sunday School Teachers for sharing their TERRIFIC talents.

*Tom Hanna for his AWESOME accompaniment.

*Pastor Burns for his guidance and support.

*Steve Gamache for creating the AWESOME picture/logo for our Christmas Program.

*The Alumni Sunday School Parents for putting together a GREAT meal for us to enjoy after the program.

Finally and most importantly, thank you to all of our AMAZING Sunday School Kids for sharing the Christmas Story with everyone!

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Join us:

Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, 2021 4:00p

Christmas Day Communion Service

Saturday, December 25, 2021 10:00a

1st Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, December 26, 2021 10:00a

No Bible Study or Sunday School

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 2, 2022 10:00a

No Bible Study or Sunday School

The Epiphany of Our Lord Communion Service

Thursday, January 6, 2022 7:00p



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