

Sunday School Christmas Service

December 14, 2022

Preservice Music

Leah Schultz

Luke Schultz

Piano Anthem

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Processional Hymn

O Come, Little Children

O come, little children, O come, one and all,
To Bethlehem haste to the manger so small.
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your Joy, and Delight.

He's born in a stable for you and for me;
Draw near by the bright, gleaming starlight to see,
In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild,
And purer than angels, the heavenly child.

See Mary and Joseph, with love-beaming eyes,
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies;
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love,
While angels sing loud alleluias above.

Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Responsive Reading

P What great love the Father has given to us,

C **That we should be called children of God!**

P He sent His Son to save us from death,

C **That we should be called children of God!**

P Jesus was born to take our place,

C **That we should be called children of God!**

P His work on the cross gives us new life,

C **And we are called children of God!**

Offering

The Message Presented by the Children

The Promised Son



Scripture Readings – 6th, 7th, and 8th grade

Brendan Seehausen: Our heavenly Father created a perfect, sinless world. He created people to love and care for. The first two people, Adam and Eve, were created perfect and sinless, too, but they disobeyed God, and sin and death entered the world. Right away, God provided a plan. He would not let His children die eternally. He would send a Savior.

Mina Criveau: Thousands of years passed, and God’s children continued to disobey God. However, God kept loving them, and He did not forget his promise. When the time was right, He sent His Son - His only Son – Jesus into the world.

Mia Skinner: Jesus is the perfect Son who never sinned. He was born, He lived a perfect life, He died the death we should have died, and He rose again so we can have eternal life.

Ella Foiles: God has called each of us to be His child through faith in His perfect Son, Jesus. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

Hymn - Children

God Loves Me Dearly

392, sts 1 and 3

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

ref Therefore I’ll say again:
God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me.

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain

Action Rhyme: “Jesus Was a Baby Boy”

Pre K – Kindergarten

*Jesus was a baby boy,
Came to earth to bring us joy.*

*God had promised us His Son,
So that sin would be undone.*

*What a gift our Father gave:
Jesus Christ, who’s strong to save!*

*Thanks to Him, we are set free.
We are in God’s family!*

Hymn - Congregation

Of the Father’s Love Begotten

384, sts 1 and 3

1 Of the Father’s love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

3 This is He whom seers in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

The Son in the Manger



Scripture Readings – 1st and 2nd grade

Luke Schultz: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Anna Bailey “In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.”

Eve Sexton: “And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.”

Reagan Niemeier: “And the angel said to her, “do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.”

Cameron Boots: “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Olivia Romero: And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:26-33).

Recitation

1st & 2nd Grade

God sent the angel Gabriel
To Mary with great news to tell:

“Don’t be afraid. You’ll bear a son!
The King of kings, the Promised One.”

In a manger He was born,
The Son of God, on Christmas morn.

Hymn – Children

Away in a Manger

364, sts 1

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Hymn – Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Son and the Cross



Scripture Readings: 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Lily Short: And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Ansley Edwards: But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

Rhett Vallow: He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

Emery Edwards: Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” *Genesis 3:8–13*

Emilie Gilleland: From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.”

Natalie Green: Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.”

Leah Schultz: So, Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So, Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live. *Numbers 21:4–9*

Landyn Tipsword: And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. *John 3:14–15*

Avery Boots: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Allora Foiles: And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. *Galatians 4:4–7*

Recitation

3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

From ancient times, God set in place
A plan to save the human race.

The Savior would be lifted high
And suffer on a cross and die

We look to Jesus and we see
The son of God who set us free.

Hymn – Children

Away in a Manger

364 stz 2

- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Congregational Hymn

O Come, All Ye faithful

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- 1 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

ref O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

The Son in Our Hearts



Scripture Readings: 6th, 7th, and 8th grades

Morgan Blaine: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

Carson Short: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Katelyn Norman: And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. *Luke 2:1–7*

Pastor Schultz: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!” *Luke 2:8–14*

Grace Blaine: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Eli Foiles: And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

James Wojcikiewicz: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. *Luke 2:15–20*

Recitation

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

The Father’s promises are true;
God sent His Son for me and you.

The angels sang of Jesus’ birth;
The shepherds witnessed God on earth.

He fills my heart with joy and love,
The Son of God, come from above.

Hymn - Congregation

Away in a Manger

364 stz 3

- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

Hymn – Congregation

Silent Night, Holy Night

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- 1 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.

- 2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

- 3 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.

Responsive Reading

- P** For to us a child is born,
C **To us a Son is given;**
P And the government shall be upon His shoulder
C **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Prayer

- P** Let us pray
Father in heaven, thank You for Your great love for us. Forgive us for the many times we
disobey and stray from You. Thank You for sending Jesus to pay for our sins so that
through faith in Him, we can live as Your children forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

- P** Joy to the world, the Son of God, our Savior, has come! May the peace of the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Joy to The World

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- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 3 No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.



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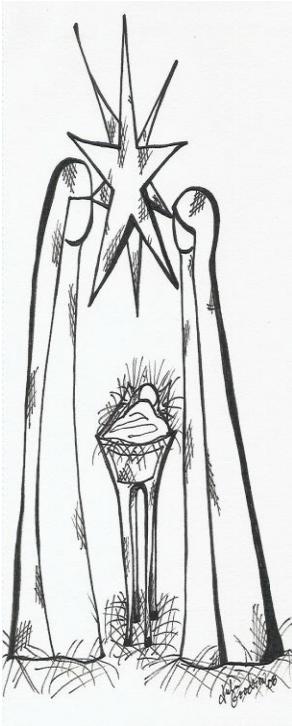
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**Special Thanks to Tammy Plummer,
and the Sunday School Teachers
For helping our children share tonight's service.**

**We pray that God richly blesses your family during this busy season.
Thank you for joining us.**

**You and your family are welcome to join us for the many upcoming
Christmas season services.**

Christmas Season Worship Schedule



Family Christmas Service

5:00 pm Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

11:00 pm Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Day Service

9:30 am Sunday, December 25th

New Year's Eve Worship Service

6:00 pm Saturday, December 31st

New Years Day Service

9:30 am Sunday, January 1st

Epiphany Service

7:00 pm Friday, January 6, 2023

Burning of the Christmas Tree and Singing Hymns
Afterwards, join us for Cookies and Hot Chocolate

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