

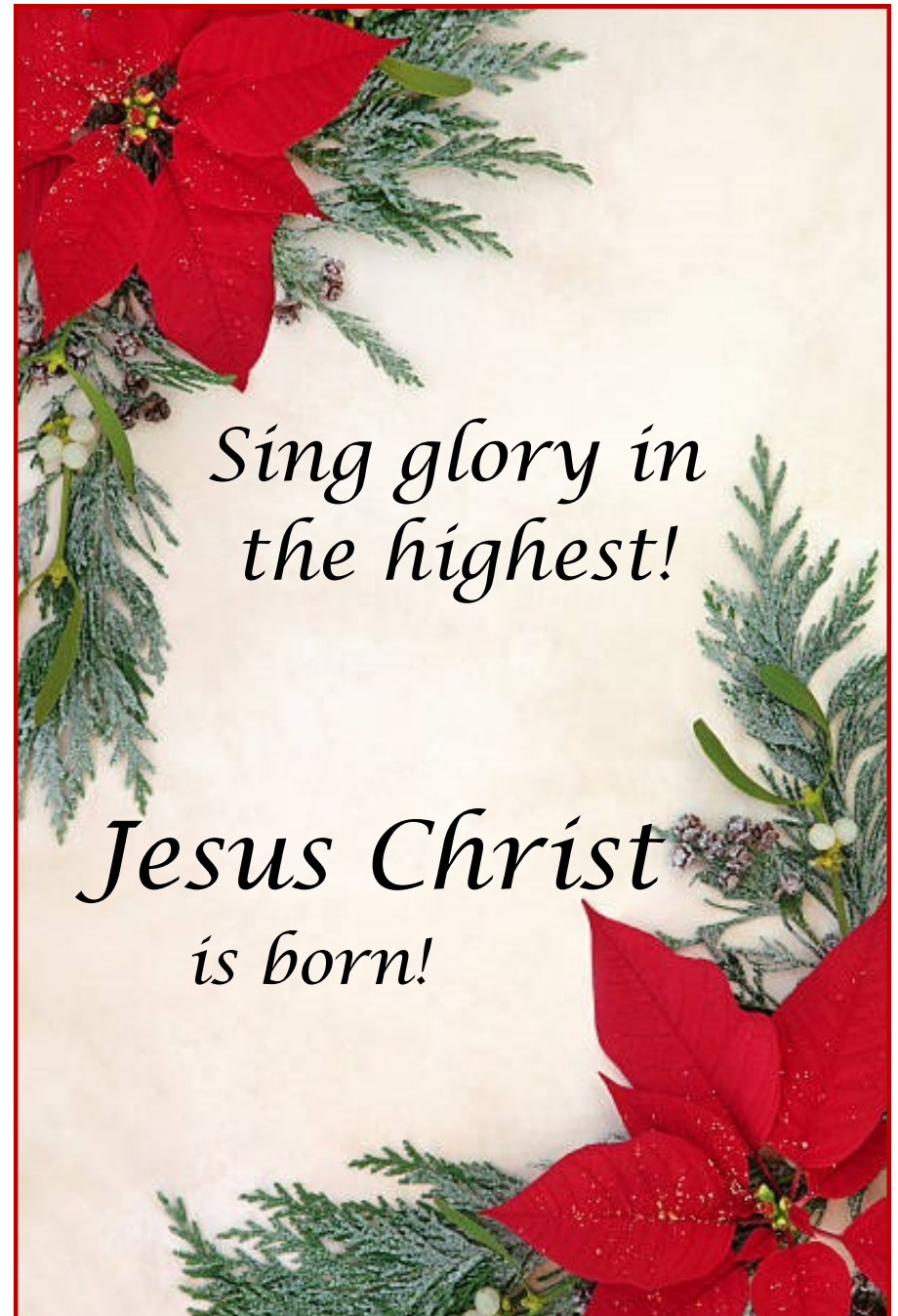
John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



**WELCOME TO
ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH**

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**Good Morning and Merry
Christmas to all!**

The poinsettias on the altar were given by members of the congregation in memory of a loved one. An insert is included with a complete list.

The arrangement on the piano is in loving memory of our parents and grandparents, Samuel and Joan Haffey, Theodore W. Seinar and Sarah Batanian Seinar, lovingly presented by Michael, Lori Ann and Sarah.

Ushering today are Linda Henry, Bill Henry, Vanessa Saylor, and Pat Seiple.

There is no coffee hour today.

There is no Sunday School on New Year's Day.

*HYMN OF JOY AND CELEBRATION "Joy To the World"

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.**

**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.**

**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**

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD
All is calm. All is bright.

*THE POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah G.F. Handel

**Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the Everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
To the earth from heaven's home.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Please as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark, the Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He rings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth,
Hark, the Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the Newborn King!**

SERMON "Personal Delivery"

OUR OFFERING TO GOD

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

Our gifts and offerings make it possible for the light of Jesus Christ to shine brightly in our lives, in our families, in our church, in our community, and in our world. May your gift today be a fitting response to the love of God, in Jesus Christ.

Offertory Music "Sleepers, Wake!" J.S.Bach/Livingston

*The Doxology, #780

*The Prayer of Dedication

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2022

10:30

*If you are able, please stand

*Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated
so the present can be lived abundantly.*

Meditation: "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard." -Luke 2:20

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Colleen Cooper, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: We are gathered in the name of God the Father,
God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

THE PRELUDE "Joy to the World" Richard Blake

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

What can I give Him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man
I would do my part
Yet what can I give Him?
Give my heart.

C. Rosetti

*OPENING HYMN NO. 125 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 60:1) Colleen Cooper

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

People: We have received in faith that which you, O Lord, have promised.

Leader: Emmanuel.....God with us, revealed to us.

People: Our souls rejoice in the salvation of our God!

Leader: The Lord will be our everlasting light and glory!

People: Praise be to you, O God, now and forever!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we humble ourselves before you, freshly aware of your grace and love embodied in Jesus Christ. We dare to believe that this is you God, who has come to be among us. We praise you with songs of love and joy!

Forgive us of our sinful ways. Forgive our disobedience. Forgive us of the many times we failed to live as one of your people. Increase our faith today - Glory to you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

*HYMN NO. 153 "Who Would Think That What Was Needed"

-please greet someone before you sit down~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND 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 forever. Amen.

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION "The Holly and Ivy"

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

Refrain: The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flow'r. And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior.

Refrain

The holly bears a berry as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good.

Refrain

The holly bears a prickly, as sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn.

Refrain

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 1:1-14

*HYMN "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".
Hark, the Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!**