

<sup>16</sup>Beyond all question, the mystery from which true  
godliness springs is great:

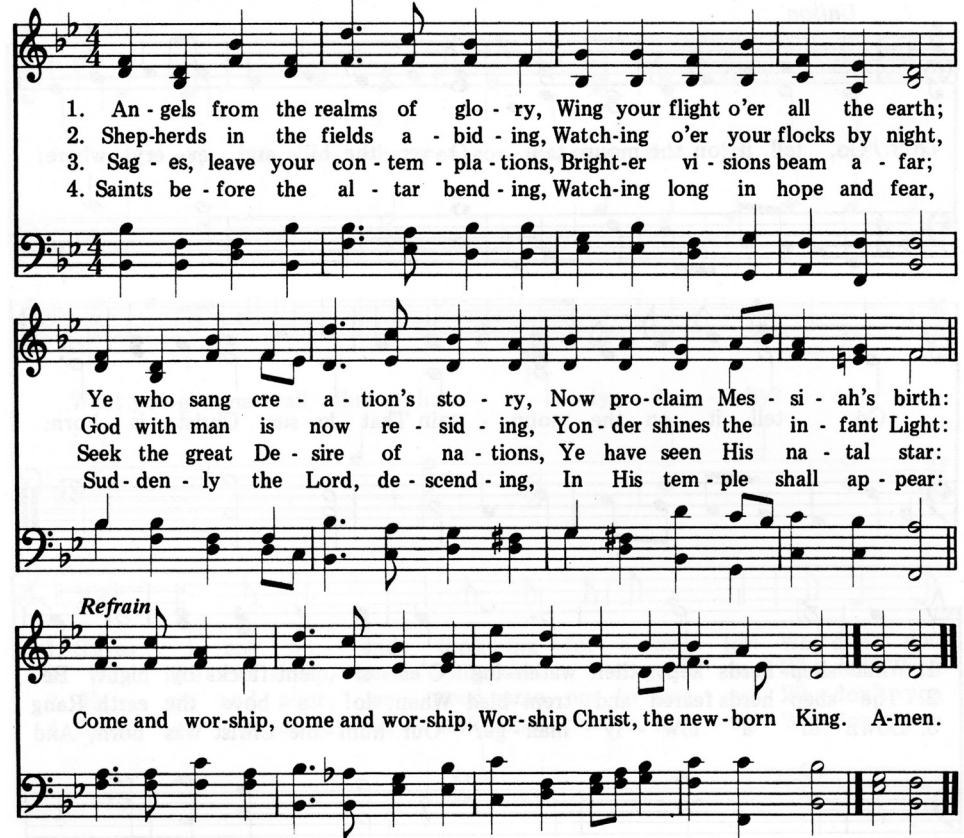
**He appeared in the flesh,  
was vindicated by the Spirit,**  
was seen by angels,  
was preached among the nations,  
**was believed on in the world,  
was taken up in glory.**

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>Prelude on a French Christmas Carol</i> <small>Arr. Rick Parks</small>	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<b>1 Timothy 3:16</b> <small>(Responsive)</small>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Shawn Garman
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Stacey Marks
Opening Hymn	<b>108: Angels from the Realms of Glory</b>	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	<b>2 Samuel 7:8-11, 16</b>	Shirley Long
The Response:	<b>Psalms 27:1-6</b>	Shirley Long / Shawn Garman
The New Testament Lesson:	<b>Luke 1:26-38</b> <small>(Please stand)</small>	Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	<b>Psalm 76:11</b>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<b>146: For Unto Us a Child Is Born</b>	Congregation
Hymn	<b>97: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</b>	Congregation
Hymn	<b>96: O Little Town of Bethlehem</b>	Congregation
Sermon	<b>Fear Not, Part 4: Overcoming Fear</b> <small>(Psalm 27:1-6 and Selected Verses)</small>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	<b>118: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne</b>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	<b>Angels We Have Heard On High</b> <small>Henry Balcombe</small>	Pat Shroff

**Hospital Visitor This Week:** Ruth Turner, 717-926-1543

<b>Lector</b>	Shirley Long	<b>Children's Church Leader</b>	Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith
<b>Responder</b>	Shawn Garman	<b>Narthex Greeters</b>	Dave & Kaye Focht
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<b>Flutist</b>	Shirley Long	<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino
<b>Trumpeter</b>	Mel Leedom	<b>Visitation Minister</b>	Pat Strain
<b>Trumpeter, Pianist</b>	Marcy Garman	<b>Office Administrator</b>	Maureen Logan
<b>Trumpeter, Pianist</b>	Sonya Valentino	<b>Custodian</b>	Gloria Graybill
<b>Hymn Leader, Vocalist</b>	Maureen Logan	<b>Director of Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	Will Robertson
<b>Preacher, Vocalist</b>	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino	<b>Acolyte</b>	Stacey Marks

## 108 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in hope and fear,

Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
Seek the great De - sire of na - tions, Ye have seen His na - tal star:  
Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, In His tem - ple shall ap - pear:

*Refrain*

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King. A - men.

WORDS: James Montgomery, 1816  
MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

REGENT SQUARE  
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The Old Testament Lesson: **2 Samuel 7:8-11, 16**

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<sup>8</sup>“Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup>I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning <sup>11</sup> and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you:

<sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.’”

The Response: **Psalm 27:1-6**

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<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation—  
whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life—  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,

**it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;

**though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.**

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek:

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,**

**to gaze on the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent  
and set me high upon a rock.**

<sup>6</sup>Then my head will be exalted

above the enemies who surround me;

**at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Luke 1:26-38** \* *Congregation Stand*

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<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

<sup>29</sup>Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

<sup>34</sup>“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup>The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail.”

<sup>38</sup>“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Worship in Giving: **Psalm 76:11**

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<sup>11</sup>Make vows to the LORD your God and fulfill them;  
let all the neighboring lands  
bring gifts to the One to be feared.

# 146 For Unto Us a Child Is Born

*Unison*

\*\*For un-to us a Child is born, un-to us a Son is

giv-en, un-to us a Son is giv-en: and His

name shall be call-ed Won-der-ful, Coun-se-lor,

The Might-y God, The Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther, The Prince of Peace, The

Ev-er-last-ing Fa-ther, The Prince of Peace.

*Parts S.A.*

*T.B.*

*ff*

\*Congregation may join if desired.

\*\*Harmonies and vocal parts conform to Handel's original score.

TEXT and MUSIC: George Frederick Handel; based on Isaiah 9:6, 7;  
arranged by Tom Fetteke

FOR UNTO US  
Irregular meter

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# Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 97

1. Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King;  
2. Christ, by high-est heav'n a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!  
4. Come, De-sire of na-tions, come! Fix in us Thy hum-ble home;  
5. A-dam's like-ness, Lord, ef-face, Stamp Thine im-age in its place:

Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!"  
Late in time be-hold Him come, Off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb:  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal-ing in His wings.  
Rise, the wo-man's con-quer-ing Seed, Bruise in us the ser-pent's head.  
Se-cond A-dam from a-bove, Re-in-state us in Thy love.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in-car-nate De-i-ty,  
Mild He lays His glo-ry by, Born that man no more may die,  
A-dam's like-ness, Lord, ef-face; stamp thine im-age in its place.  
Let us Thee, though lost, re-gain, Thee, the Life, the in-ner man:

With th'an-gel-ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.  
Se-cond Ad-am from a-bove, Re-in-state us in thy love.  
O, to all Thy-self im-part, Formed in each be-liev-ing heart.

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King." A-men.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739

MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856

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# 96 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, 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;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.  
 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.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 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 ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on 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 Em - man - u - el. A - men.

WORDS: Phillips Brooks, 1868  
 MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner, 1868

ST. LOUIS  
 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6

# 118 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown When Thou  
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -  
 3. The fox - es found rest and the birds their nest In the  
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing Word That should  
 5. When the heav - ens shall ring, and the an - gels sing, At Thy

cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home  
 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But in low - ly birth  
 shade of the for - est tree; But thy couch was the sod,  
 set Thy peo - ple free; But with mock - ing scorn,  
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home,

there was found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty:  
 Thou didst come to earth, And in great hu - mil - i - ty:  
 O Thou Son of God, In the des - ert of Gal - i - lee:  
 and with crown of thorn, They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry:  
 say - ing, "Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee:"

*Refrain*  
 1-4. O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus! There is room in my heart for Thee.  
 5. My heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus! When Thou com - est and call - est for me. A - men.

WORDS: Emily E. S. Elliott, 1864  
 MUSIC: Timothy R. Matthews, 1876

MARGARET  
 Irregular meter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday:** MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

**Sundays:** SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages @ 9:00 a.m.

MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel + Online @ 10:30 a.m.

### TONIGHT:

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7 p.m. in Dech Chapel + Online

**Saturday, January 6:** CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

@ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

**Monday, January 8:** MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

### Thursday, January 11:

WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home

**Sunday, January 21:** CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.

Please sign up to let us know how many will be attending.

If you plan to bring food, please add it to the sign-up sheet.

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs:

- Snack food
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Chips
- Pretzels
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Toiletries
- Other Regular Items

**Prayer Requests:** If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at [pastortim@christcomm.church](mailto:pastortim@christcomm.church) or (484) 269-4313.

We are looking to start an active **Intercessory Prayer Team** rotation during our morning worship service. If you would like more info on this way to serve, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Francy Lindenmuth will contact you.

### Poinsettias placed by:

### In Memory of:

Dotty Moyer  
Karl & Joan Kettering  
Karl & Joan Kettering  
Schubauer Family  
Schubauer Family  
Mary Lou & Fred Kocher  
Mary Lou & Fred Kocher  
Faye Hipkiss  
The Deitzler Family  
Lisa Dreibelbis & Rachel  
Lisa Dreibelbis & Rachel  
Mae Anna Tice  
Marlin Bohannon  
Marlin Bohannon  
Virginia Hauer  
Donald Heydt  
Pat Shroff  
Keith & Deanna Miller  
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Mary Ray  
Pat Strain

Marcy Garman  
Larry and David Morris  
Rose Lutz  
Ruth Turner  
Bob & Shirley Long  
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Lorraine Long  
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Bob & Minda Meiser  
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Raymond & June Miller & brother Ron  
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(2) Barbara Morris  
Gene Lutz  
(2) Gene & Hunter Turner  
Faye Long  
Catherine Horst  
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Christ the King

2023 Poinsettias



FEAR NOT, PART 4

# OVERCOMING FEAR

Luke 1:11-13; Luke 1:30-31; Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 2:9-11

*The only thing we have to fear is God himself.*

**ZECHARIAH—the fear of disappointment: “It’s hard to hope again!” (Luke 1:5-25)**

Those who submit to God’s disciplining love can become a mouthpiece for his amazing grace.

God’s word to those struggling with disappointment: “Do not be afraid.” (Luke 1:13)

**MARY—the fear of inadequacy: “This is too big for me!” (Luke 1:26-38)**

Any person totally submitted to God’s plan can change the world.

God’s word to those struggling with inadequacy: “Do not be afraid.” (Luke 1:30)

**JOSEPH—the fear of rejection: “What will people think?” (Matthew 1:18-25)**

Those who follow God at great personal cost to themselves will receive divine reassurance.

God’s word to those struggling with rejection: “Do not be afraid.” (Luke 1:20)

**SHEPHERDS—the fear of the unknown: “This doesn’t make sense!” (Luke 2:1-20)**

Ordinary people who take God at his word get a front row seat to his work in the world.

God’s word to those struggling with the fear of the unknown: “Do not be afraid.” (Luke 2:10)

**HEROD—the fear of losing control: “I’m in charge here!” (Matthew 2:16-20)**

Those who fight against God’s plan to rule and reign wind up losing their own kingdoms.

Herod is the only major Advent figure who doesn’t receive the reassuring word, “Do not be afraid.”

## Overcoming Your Fears

1. Surrender the lie that stands behind the fear.
2. Submit to the truth that contradicts the fear.
3. Seek the Lord, who alone is to be feared.