

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Scripture Reading

Psalm 98

Joan Palubinsky

Brief History of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

NCH # 144

Hark! the herald angels sing "Glory to the Christ-child bring;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you saints arise, join the triumph of the skies;
With angel host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time the Savior comes, Off-spring of the Virgin's womb,
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

Hail the Bearer of God's peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness,
Light and life our Savior brings, risen with radiant, healing wings.
Mildly laying glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us all from earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing "Glory to the Christ-child bring!"

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

Brief History of "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

NCH # 129

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow; asleep within the manger now.
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you know of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
God has opened heaven's door, and we are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now you need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Offering our Gifts - Thank you for your faithful support of Shenkel's ongoing ministries
The Christmas Fund provides assistance dollars in situations of critical need, including Pension Supplementation, Health Premium Supplementation, Emergency Grants, and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks to lower-income retired UCC pastors. Your gift will help to brighten the life of one of God's servants who is facing a moment of personal need.

Offertory/ Special Music

Offering Response

Christmas Doxology
Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,
Whose daystar shines for us on high,
Whose spirit brings into our sight
The hope which to our world draws nigh.

Intercessory Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"What Child Is This"

NCH # 148

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this, the angels sing, is Christ, God's holy offering;
Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mary!

Why lies the Child in manger bare where ox and ass are feeding?
Give heed, draw near, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spears shall pierce him through, the cross he borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the child of Mary!

Bring gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh, come, join in jubilation;
The Holy Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's salvation.
Raise, raise the song on high, the mother sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mary!

Benediction

Postlude

"Christmas Morn"

Handel

Announcements

The Prayer Community asks you to join with us this week in praying for:

Chris & Ted Gray
Morgan Scharneck
Kim & Steven Bade
Josh Palubinsky
Sue & Gary Stultz

~ This week at Shenkel UCC ~

Sun., 12/25 ~ Worship service at 9:45 am in sanctuary

OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK

~Upcoming events at Shenkel UCC~

Sun., 1/1 ~ New Year's Day Breakfast Worship at 9 am.

Pottstown Cluster. This month's items are paper towels, razors, and shaving cream. Please place your items in the bin marked for the Cluster.

Volunteers Needed for acolyte and scripture readers. If interested, please see Tootie.

New Year's Day Breakfast Worship. We will be having breakfast and worship in the Social Hall on New Year's Day at 9. Please bring an item to share. Drinks will be provided.