



*Joy to the world,  
the Lord has come!*

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**First United Methodist Church McKinney**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,  
those who lived in a land of darkness, on them light  
has shined.

Let us celebrate the Light of the world,  
For upon us the Light has shined.

**OPENING HYMN** No 217 "Away in a Manger"

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.
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.
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 fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

Chancel Choir

**OFFERING**

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**ANTHEM** "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion"  
(from *Messiah*)  
By George Frideric Handel  
Sara Kennedy, Soprano

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion;  
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, thy King cometh unto thee!  
He is the righteous Saviour,  
and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

**DOXOLOGY** No 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:1-5  
This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Special Sermon Bishop McKee

**CLOSING HYMN** No 246 "Joy to the World"

1. 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.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!  
Let all 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, and wonders of his love.

**CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION** (*please sing*)

"Peace, Peace"

*Peace, peace, peace on earth and goodwill to all.  
This is a time for joy. This is a time for love.  
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace,  
peace on earth.*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "In Dulci Jubilo" (In Sweet Rejoicing)  
By Johann Sebastian Bach  
John Emory Bush, Organist

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  - Carroll Maxwell
  - Chad Williamson
  - Charles (Charlie) F. Smith and Mary Beth Smith
  - Charles Matheny (Carol Grimes' cousin)
  - Craig Edwards
  - Darin Johnson
  - David Franck
  - Debra Duffy
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  - Gaither Day
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  - Vi Rentz
  - Wyatt Skaines
  - Wynona Carman
  - Rev. David and Cindy Ceballos, Missionaries in Panama
  - Chad & Nancy Bradley, Missionaries in Ethiopia
  - All our members in care facilities
  - Everyone affected by the Coronavirus
  - Families experiencing job loss
  - Those experiencing homelessness
  - Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti
  - Melissa United Methodist Church
  - Caldwell Elementary School
- Military service members including: Capt Scott Adler, Capt Libby Adler, Sofia Lerma Alarcon, 1st Lt Joe Beeby, Marc Belo, CPL Matthew Broker, CTI2 Abigail Burns, CPT Aaron Bush, CPL Bradley Bush, AFC Drew Causey, 2nd Lt Vincent Chavez, Capt Ryan Clark, PFC Paul Confalone, Sgt Martin Damian DeLeon, GY Sgt Jim Ellsworth, Kevin English, Patrick English, James Evans, Lt Col David Faulk, PFC Cody Furstenberg, Charlie Gilbert, LC CPL Robert Gray, ETN2 Cory Halberstadt, CPT Josh Hewett, Pvt John Wesley Holder Jr., LT Mark Jbeily, Lt Col Jim Johnston, Ryan Kidd, Avery Montana Krast, Lt Ryan Lubin, Alec Mack, Lt Logan McQuerry, Maj. Richard Milam, Chap MAJ Tim Shepherd, Maj Chuck Miller, AFC Kevin G. Persons, Jr., MSGT, SFC Tyler Renshaw, 2nd Lt. Austin Rine, Bobby Sanders, SR4 Nick Schofield, Colby Seamster II, Jonathan Spiegel, CW2 Ryan Thurgood, Mark Townson, Specialist Zach Vernier, CPL Mike Wilkes, Jose Almaguer, SPC Blake Robertson.

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