

## DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

REGNEY/BAKER

Said the night wind to the little lamb,  
 "Do you see what I see?  
 Way up in the sky little lamb,  
 Do you see what I see?  
 A star, a star  
 Dancing in the night  
 With a tail as big as a kite  
 With a tail as big as a kite."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
 "Do you know what I know?  
 In your palace wall mighty king,  
 Do you know what I know?  
 A child, a child  
 Shivers in the cold  
 Let us bring him silver and gold  
 Let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,  
 "Do you hear what I hear?  
 Ringing through the sky shepherd boy,  
 Do you hear what I hear?  
 A song, a song  
 High above the tree  
 With a voice as big as the sea  
 With a voice as big as the sea."

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
 "Listen to what I say  
 Pray for peace people everywhere!  
 Listen to what I say  
 The child, the child  
 Sleeping in the night  
 He will bring us goodness and light  
 He will bring us goodness and light!"

Written by Noël Regney (Lyrics) and Gloria Shayne Baker (Music) ©1962 Regney/Baker

## IN CHRIST ALONE

GETTY/TOWNEND

In Christ alone my hope is found  
 He is my light, my strength, my song  
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
 What heights of love, what depths of peace  
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
 My Comforter, my All in All  
 Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
 Up from the grave He rose again  
 And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save  
 'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For every sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
 This is the power of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny  
 No power of hell, no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 'til He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

KING JOHN/WADE

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.

**O come, let us adore Him,  
 Christ the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
 O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

**O come, let us adore Him,  
 O come, let us adore Him,**

REFRAIN

Lyrics by John Francis Wade (1751) and by King John IV of Portugal (Public Domain)

the gathering church



December 18, 2011  
Isaiah 9:1-7 | Matthew 2:13-23

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PEACE

*"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.'  
 The wrong shall fail, the right prevail  
 With peace on earth, good will to men."  
 -"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," Henry Longfellow (1864)*

HAPPENING AT THE GATHERING CHURCH ( <a href="http://www.allgather.org/calendar">www.allgather.org/calendar</a> )		
PRESENT BEFORE GOD	CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER	ENGAGED IN THE WORLD
<p><b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:</b> Join us on Christmas Eve (Sat, 12/24) at 5:30pm at Creekside Elementary School for our annual candlelight worship service of carols and communion. No childcare will be provided, but kids are very welcomed. <b>THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS MORNING (12/25).</b></p> <p><b>LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS:</b> Be sure to nominate by talking to a current member of the Leadership Team, filling out the form online (<a href="http://www.allgather.org/nominations/">www.allgather.org/nominations/</a>), or slipping your nomination card in the Black Box!</p>	<p><b>SET-UP &amp; CLEAN-UP:</b> Craig Silvanic is recruiting people (of all sizes and strengths) to help prepare our space for worship and fellowship every Sunday morning, and to clean up following potlucks. <b>Come out this Wednesday (5:30p-7:30p) to help set up for Christmas Eve.</b> Please see Craig or email him (<a href="mailto:csilvanic@gmail.com">csilvanic@gmail.com</a>) to be a part of this crucial ministry of the church; many hands make light work!</p> <p><b>MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS:</b> Kevin and Heather are looking for holiday help leading the middle school Sunday school class. If you can help out over the next few weeks into the Spring semester contact <a href="mailto:kevinteater@aol.com">mailto:kevinteater@aol.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>YEAR END GIVING:</b> Each year the Gathering Church has closed the year by giving ten percent of our income to missions partners. To meet our giving goals this year, we'd have to hit our \$26,000 December goal. Be a part of this season of generosity, every little bit helps us, as a church community, give more to those who are partnering with us in the Good News of Jesus.</p> <p><b>MUSIC FROM THE GATHERING CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS NIGHTS:</b> Listen and buy last year's Advent EP at <a href="http://music.allgather.org">music.allgather.org</a> or iTunes. Great for devotional listening and a great gift.</p>
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**O COME O COME EMMANUEL**

TRADITIONAL

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

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

CHORUS

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace.

CHORUS

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Lyrics from 12<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Chant and Music from 15<sup>th</sup> Century French Processional (Public Domain)**WELCOME.**

Welcome to the Gathering Church. We are a church that is focused on doing three things well: being present to God in worship, being connected to each other in community, and being engaged in the world by serving and sharing God's love. Thank you for gathering this morning to worship the Lord.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH.**

Each week during the season of Advent (the four weeks that lead up to Christmas), we celebrate Christ's coming as the Light of the World by lighting candles. Each candle signifies an aspect of the mounting expectation for the arrival of Israel's, and our, Savior: Hope, Love, Joy, & Peace.

**HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED**

MONTGOMERY/MONK

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.

Kings shall fall down before Him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing;  
For He shall have dominion  
O'er river, sea and shore,  
Far as the eagle's pinion  
Or dove's light wing can soar.

He comes in succor speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him, on the mountains,  
Shall peace, the herald, go,  
And righteousness, in fountains,  
From hill to valley flow.

Lyrics by James Montgomery (1832) Music "Ellacobme" (1784) adf. William Monk (1832) (Public Domain)

**HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

WESLEY/MENDELSSOHN

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!"

Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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!"

Written by Charles Wesley (Lyrics) 1739 and Felix Mendelssohn (Music) 1840 (Public Domain)

**CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

HOPSON/COONEY

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
That you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
And my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blessed.  
Could the world be about to turn?

You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
For the world is about to turn.

REFRAIN

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of you justice burn.  
Wipe away all the tears,  
For the dawn draw near,  
And the world is about to turn.**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
Not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
Ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
For the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
For the world is about to turn.

REFRAIN

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me,  
And your mercy will last  
From the depths of the past  
To the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
And to those who would for you yearn,

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
We remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving Word that our forebears heard is the  
promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and  
rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the  
world around.

REFRAIN

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**KIDS' DISMISSAL & PASSING OF THE PEACE.**

As the children are dismissed to participate in Gathering Kids activities, find someone you don't know, welcome them, and exchange a sign of Christ's welcome and peace.