



**Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
December 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

There will be no Sunday school next week. However, there will be a casual time of fellowship before our morning worship at 10:30.

Mark your calendars for an evangelism training opportunity on Saturday, January 13th. Don Snipes from Evangelism Explosion will be teaching through their *Share Your Faith* Workshop. It will be \$15 per person for materials. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Liam Carr if you have any questions.

Any checks that are going to be mailed to Covenant church need to be postmarked by 12/31/23 or earlier for tax purposes.

Grace and Truth Church in Israel pastored by David Zadok is on the frontlines of bringing relief to those suffering as a result of the invasion of Israel by Hamas. If you would like to support efforts to feed and clothe and protect those who have been devastated you can do so by designating an offering through Covenant Church for Israel relief. If you designate an offering funds will be sent asap through usual channels for the purpose of relief via Grace and Truth church in Israel. Continue to pray for all Israel to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Messiah Jesus through this suffering.

Opening Prayer

† Hymn of Praise

#322 (TH #225)

"Once in Royal David's City"

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Pew Bible page number 857

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

† Hymn of Preparation

#324 (TH #230)

"Thou Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendor"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Closing Hymn

“Silent Night”

#315 (TH #210)

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
Dec. 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.

Luke 2:1-20
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Introduction

I. The City of David (v. 1-7)


II. The Message to the Shepherds (v. 9-12)

III. The Peace of Christ (v. 13-14)

IV. The Response of Worship (v. 15-20)

Conclusion


Once in Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3. And thro' all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, thro' his own re - deem - ing love;
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove:
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

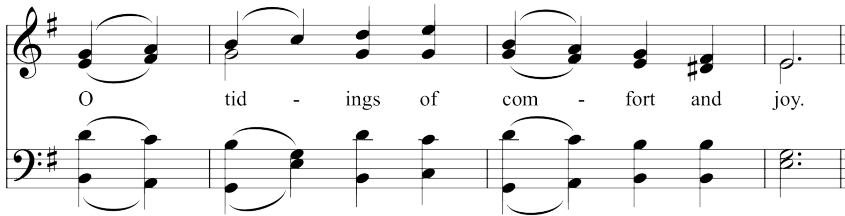
Frank Houghton, 1894 - 1972

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QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGRÉABLE 9.8.9.8.9.8.

French carol melody
 Arr. Charles H. Kitson, 1939

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST



English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.7.6.8.6.ref.
English melody, 18th cent.

Silent Night! Holy Night!

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1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light, ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ias to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Joseph Mohr, 1818
Tr. ca. 1850

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Franz Gruber, 1818