



Kids for Christ Christmas Program

December 18, 2011

9:00 am

The Secret of Christmas

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Pre-service Music

OPENING

P We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

LITANY

P Lift up your heads and open your eyes.

C For He is coming.

P Who is coming?

C The King of Glory!

P Blessings on Him who comes as King,

C Who comes in the name of the Lord.

P He came as a baby in a manger.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P He came to be our Savior.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P With joy and gladness

C We celebrate His coming.

P He comes to us each day in the promise of His presence.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Let us open our hearts to Him

C And walk in His ways.

P He will come again to take us to Himself in heaven.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, by sending Your Son, Jesus, You kept Your promise to a people long ago. We too thank You that Jesus became like us to save us from our sins, from death, and from the power of the devil. Make us able to live each day waiting for Jesus to come again and to take us to Himself in heaven. Hear us for our Savior's sake.

C Amen.

HOMILY

HYMN - How Glad I Am Each Christmas Eve

Children (st.1-2) Congregation (st. 3-4)

W. F. A. Svedegen, 1891

1. How glad I am each Christ-mas Eve! The night of Je - sus' birth;
2. The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, He was a king in - deed;
3. He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, The Son of God to - day;
4. How glad I am each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;

Then like the sun the Star shone forth, And an - gels sang on earth.
He came from His high state in heav'n, Down to a world in need.
But He knows all the lit - tle ones, And hears them when they pray.
He o - pens then for ev - 'ry child The pal - ace of the King.

FAMILY GROUP

HYMN - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear. Refrain
- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 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. Refrain
- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
 Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
 In ancient times didst give the Law
 In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
 Free them from Satan's tyranny
 That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
 And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain
- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery. Refrain

THE PROPHECY

Reader	4-8
Speech Choir	1-3

HYMN - O Little Town of Bethlehem

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.
- 2 For Christ is born of Mary,
 And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
 Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
 Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king
 And peace to all the earth!
- 3 How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
 Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel!

THE NATIVITY

Reader

4-8

HYMN - The Friendly Beasts

Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude;
And the friendly beasts around Him stood.
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.

"I," said the Donkey, shaggy and brown,
"I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried His mother to Bethlehem town."
"I," said the Donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I," said the Cow, all white and red,
"I gave Him my manger for His bed;
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head."
"I," said the Cow, all white and red.

"I," said the Sheep, with the curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the Sheep, with the curly horn.

"I," said the Dove, from the rafters high,
"I cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry;
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I."
"I," said the Dove, from the rafters high.

Thus every beast by some glad spell,
In the stable dark was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel,
The gift he gave Emmanuel.

ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS

Reader 4-8
Speech Choir 1-3

HYMN - Angels We Have Heard on High

1 Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Reader 4-8
Speech Choir 1-3

Poem Preschool and Kindergarten

Hymn - Away in a Manger (KFC children)

ADORATION OF THE WISEMEN

Reader 4-8
Speech Choir 1-3

HYMN - From Heaven Above to Earth I Come



1 'From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good
 2 'To you this night is born a child Of Mar - y,
 3 'This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your
 4 'He will on you the gifts be - stow Pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; This lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self hear your
 God for all be - low. That in His king - dom.



joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth Shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, You may with us His glo - ry share.

Speech Choir

1-3

HYMN - O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 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: Refrain

ref O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us
 adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy,
 Light of Light eternal,
 Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
 Son of the Father
 Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

FAMILY GROUP

OFFERING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN - Silent Night

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Drama: Lisa Wussow
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Readers: Grades 4-8

Speech Choir: Grades 1-3

Poem: Preschool and Kindergarten

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