

10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Good friends, God has come into the darkness of the world, bringing the light of hope, of peace, of joy and of love. As the carol proclaims to us:

Light and life to all he brings. Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.

God became flesh and dwelt among to connect with us, to make real the relationship with us. In this time of separation, in this time of loss, this time of fear, God is with us Emmanuel! What could be a more powerful statement for us to hear right now.

God is with us! We are not alone!

In the days ahead reach out to all you know to share this good news. Even as God has reached to us in the birth of the Christ, let us reach out to connect with all those we love, with all those we know, with all those we encounter to share this good news. Through kind words and just actions, humble witness, and joyful song let us become the connection for others to know the grace of God.

Join us in our Christmas worship. Invite others to join with you in worshipping the newborn King. Here is the schedule, and the link, for our worship services coming up:

All services will be found at our Worship Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/910100569>

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Wednesday, December 23 Service of Solace and Hope

7:00 PM This is a service for all who know that the joy of Christmas is always tempered by our experience of loss. Join with us for this online service for lamenting the losses and disappointment of this past year and of this season. Come use this time of prayer and reflection to prepare the way within your heart and soul for the birth of the Christ Child, who is the source of our hope and joy.

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve

8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Candles

Rev. Paul Rhebergen preaching

Be sure to have your candle ready to light as you sing **Silent Night**

Jesse Tree Symbol – the Star

Sunday, December 27 1st Sunday of Christmas

10:00 AM Worship Service