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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*Ding! Dong! Merrily on High* // arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Larkin Harris

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

94 // **Angels from the Realms of Glory** (1, 2, 4)

100 // **Angels We Have Heard on High** (1, 3, 4)

Pastoral Prayer

Sr. Pastor Oren Conner

86 // **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

85 // **The First Noel** (1, 2, 4)

Isaiah 9:1-7

Pastor David Rhymes

Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

*Do You Hear What I Hear?* // arr. Simeon

Deacon Offertory Prayer

Offering

*Ukrainian Bell Carol* // arr. Heyde and Tedesco

Message

Sr. Pastor Oren Conner

**What God is Doing** // 1 Peter 5:8-11

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Response

118 // **What Child is This**

Service of the Table

Benediction

87 // **Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24  
6:00 pm

### Wednesday Night

Prayer Meeting at 5:30 pm  
Fellowship Meal resumes Jan. 5

### Remember the Star

Please join in our annual collection for items for the homeless. Our theme is "Remember the Star," the Star of Bethlehem that led the wise men bearing gifts for the Christ Child. Bring your gift of socks (unwrapped) to fill the BIG stocking near the library. These will be taken to the Christian Outreach Center on Dec. 20.

### Church Office Closures

December 22-24 - office closed  
December 30 - office closes at noon  
December 31 - office closed

### End of Year Giving

Just a reminder that all tithes and contributions must be postmarked by midnight on December 31 to receive contribution credit for the year 2021. Contributions can be made through mail at P.O. Box 1309, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or online at [fbcbr.com/give](http://fbcbr.com/give).

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*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen."* 1 Peter 5:8-11

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MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

## Worship Song Lyrics

### 94 // **Angels, From the Realms of Glory**

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints, before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

### 100 // **Angels We Have Heard on High**

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

86 // **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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.

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 men on earth!

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.

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!

85 // **The First Nowell**

The first Nowell the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as  
they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

For all to see there was a star  
Shining in the east, beyond them far,  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.

118 // **What Child is This?**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain

87 // **Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.