

# SJUMC Online Worship Guide

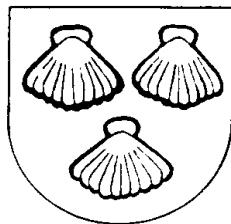
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**December 29, 2024**  
**9:30 am**  
**Home**  
**ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**Prelude**

"There's a Song in the Air." Arr Cindy Berry Composer Karl P. Harrington

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**Welcome**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Gathering Song**

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (vs. 1)

**UMH 240**

1. 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 th'angelic hosts proclaim  
 Christ is born in Bethlehem  
 Hark the herald angels sing  
 Glory to the newborn King

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**Call to Worship**

**Jan Petrosch**

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**God has come to make a home among us!**

Yet the story is not over. After birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

**In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

**In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.**

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2024.

**\*Opening Hymn**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6)

**UMH 234**

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

**Chorus**

O come let us adore Him  
 O come let us adore Him  
 O come let us adore Him  
 Christ the Lord

2. True God of true God  
 Light from Light Eternal  
 Lo he shuns not the Virgin's womb  
 Son of the Father  
 Begotten not created

**Chorus**

O come let us adore Him  
 O come let us adore Him  
 O come let us adore Him  
 Christ the Lord

\*Please stand as able

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

**Chorus**

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

6. Yea, Lord we greet thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to thee be all glory given  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

**Chorus**

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

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**Passing the Peace**

**Jan Petrosch**

**Children's Time**

**Jelinda Blum**

**Scripture**

**I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (NRSVue)**

**Jan Petrosch**

**Luke 2: 41-52 (NRSVue)**

**Hymn**

**"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"**

**UMH 204**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

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**Message**

**"Home"**

**Rev. Patricia Abell**

**Prayer for God's People, Church, & World**

**Jan Petrosch**

**Response:** O God of Love, draw us together in peace.

**Lord's Prayer**

**Jan Petrosch**

**\*Doxology**

sung to tune of "What Child Is This?"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God All creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
The babe the son of Mary

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## Offering Prayer

## \*Closing Hymn

“Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child”

**W & S 3060**

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.  
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;  
new life, new hope the child will bring.  
Listen to the angel sing,  
“Glory, glory, glory,” let the heavens ring.

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## Benediction

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## Postlude

"Silent Night" Arr. Mark Hayes Composer Franz Gruber  
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### Questions for Reflection

Consider Jesus as an adolescent, causing his parents to worry about him.  
Jesus asks his parents, “Why were you searching for me?”  
If you were a parent of Jesus, how would you answer that question?  
How do you answer that question for yourself?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus, as you listened to your teachers,  
may I also, this day, listen to others with care and grace,  
and receive whatever wisdom they may offer. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

Loving God, you know every struggle I have faced this day:  
let me sleep in peace, confident in your great love in Jesus Christ. Amen

## Resources:

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