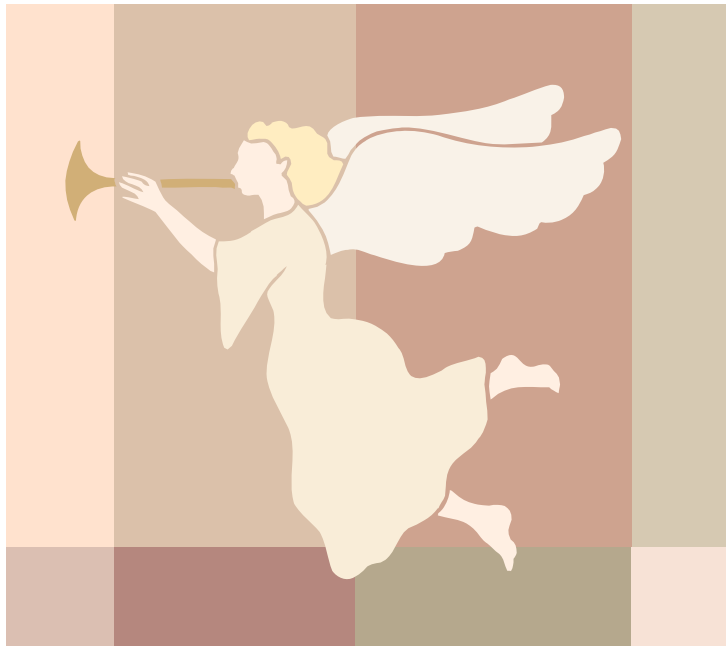


*For there is born to you this
day in the city of David
a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.*

- Luke 2:11



Covenant Reformed Church

*Christmas Worship
December 25, 2009*

Welcome to all who join us for worship as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! Our service will be led this morning by our pastor, Rev. Patrick Edouard.

Order of Worship

Prelude	<i>“O Come All Ye Faithful” Accompanist, Ruth De Vries</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn #335	<i>“Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Isaiah 11</i>
Song of Response #340	<i>“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”</i>
Congregational Prayer	
*Song of Preparation #341	<i>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</i>
Scripture Reading & Text	<i>Matthew 1:18-25, page 3</i>
Sermon	<i>“Let the WORD Become Flesh,” page 4</i>
*Song of Response #330	<i>“O Jesus, We Adore Thee”</i>
Offertory	<i>The offering is for Wycliff-Le Mahieus Choir Anthem - “Bethlehem Joy” arr. Douglas Wagner</i>
*Doxology	<i>“Glory to God”, page 5</i>
*Benediction	
*Postlude	<i>“Hallelujah Chorus”</i>

** Please stand if you are able.*

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*" which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Let the WORD Become Flesh

Scripture & Text: *Matthew 1:18-25*

The WORD became flesh and became us:

I. The attendant factors of His becoming flesh; and

II. The covenant factors of His mission

Glory to God

God in the high - est! Peace be on earth, —
God in den ho - ge! Vre - de op aar - de,

The first system of musical notation for 'Glory to God'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

peace be on earth, — peace be on earth, — peace be on
vre - de op aar - de, vre - de op aar - de, vre - de op

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, then a half note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

earth, — to the peo - ple, to the peo - ple whom God de -
aar - de, in de men - sen, in de men - sen een wel - be -

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note F#4, followed by quarter notes E4 and D4, then a half note C4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

lights in, to the peo - ple whom God de - lights in, whom God de -
ha - gen, in de men - sen, een wel - be - ha - gen, een wel - be -

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note B3, followed by quarter notes A3 and G3, then a half note F#3. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

(over)

Glory to God

lights in. Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God in the
 ha - gen. E - re zij God! E - re zij God in den

high - est, in the high - est, in the high - est! Peace be on
 ho - ge, in den ho - ge, in den ho - ge! Vre - de op

earth, — peace be on earth, — to the peo - ple whom God de -
 aar - de, vre - de op aar - de, in de men - sen een wel - be -

lights in. A - men. A - men.
 ha - gen. A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God

lights in. Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God in the
ha - gen. E - re zij God! E - re zij God in den

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in D major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "lights in. Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God in the ha - gen. E - re zij God! E - re zij God in den".

high - est, in the high - est, in the high - est! Peace be on
ho - ge, in den ho - ge, in den ho - ge! Vre - de op

The second system continues the musical piece. The treble staff has lyrics: "high - est, in the high - est, in the high - est! Peace be on ho - ge, in den ho - ge, in den ho - ge! Vre - de op". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

earth, — peace be on earth, — to the peo - ple whom God de -
aar - de, vre - de op aar - de, in de men - sen een wel - be -

The third system features lyrics: "earth, — peace be on earth, — to the peo - ple whom God de - aar - de, vre - de op aar - de, in de men - sen een wel - be -". The treble staff includes some phrasing slurs and breath marks. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

lights in. A - men. A - men.
ha - gen. A - men. A - men.

The final system of music on this page has lyrics: "lights in. A - men. A - men. ha - gen. A - men. A - men.". The treble staff concludes with a double bar line. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

This Morning at Covenant...

Offering
Wycliff - Le Mahieus

Infant Nursery: Denise Ver Meer, Marilyn Ver Meer
Toddler: Val Bandstra, Laura Vos, Emily Gullion
Floater: Diane Van Gorp

Impromptu Hospitality Hosts
Carl & Mary Van Steenis

Prayer Matters

Illness

Verlan Van Gorp (Parish 8) was transferred to Iowa City where it is expected he will receive more help for his continuing weakness.

Dear Congregation,

We count it a great joy to serve the Lord among you and to witness daily the blessedness of a covenant community where love is so amply and frequently demonstrated. Thank you very much for all your cards and kind words. We love you, too, in the Lord and wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Rev. and Mrs. Edouard