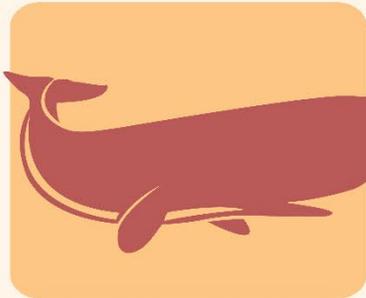
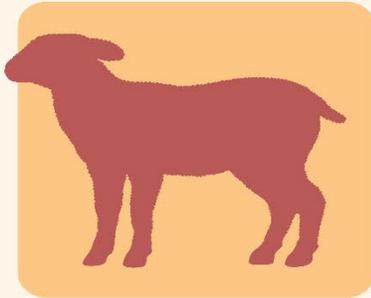
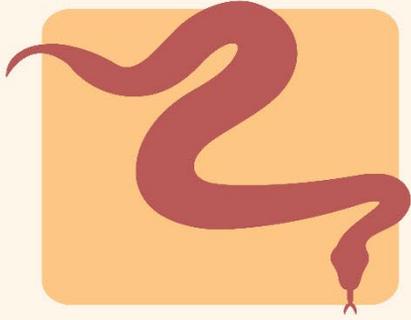


Illustrations



of

Immanuel

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Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022
Illustrations of Immanuel

A warm welcome to those who are visiting us tonight. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way or fill out the guest slip contained in this bulletin and plate it in the offering place.

Tonight's Service: *"Illustrations of Immanuel."* NPH. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-800156 and under CCLI license #1132777.

Opening Hymn: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (CW93 55)

Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God from true God, and Light from Light eternal, Born of a virgin, to earth He comes,
Only begotten Son of God the Father. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, All glory in the highest. Oh, come, let us adore Him,
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

INVOCATION

SERMONETTE

INTRODUCTION

Narrator: Truman Dexter

1. FROM PROBLEM TO PROMISE

Narrator: Mason Flunker

Recitation: (Lower Level)

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel” (Genesis 3:15).

Narrator: Aubrey O’Mara

Narrator: Mason Flunker

Hymn: What Child Is This (CW93 67)

**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?
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 oxen now are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; For sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through; The cross He’ll bear for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the Son of Mary!**

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings Salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high; The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the Son of Mary!**

2. FROM SACRIFICE TO SUBSTITUTE

Narrator: Jack O’Mara

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Hymn: On Christmas Night All Christians Sing (CW93 52)

**On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.**

**When sin departs before Your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before Your grace, Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and saints with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.**

**From out of darkness we have Light Which made the angels sing this night.
From out of darkness we have Light Which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore, Amen."**

3. FROM LAMB TO LOVING SACRIFICE

Narrator: Aubrey O'Mara

Narrator: Mason Flunker

Narrator: Aubrey O'Mara

Recitation: (Upper Level)

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29).

Hymn: Joy to the World (CW93 62)

**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.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.**

4. FROM BRANCH TO BETHLEHEM

Narrator: Mason Flunker

Narrator: Truman Dexter

Mason (responsive):

The prophet Micah points to the Messiah who would be born in Bethlehem, the town of King David. Please join in reading this prophecy from Micah chapter 5 verses 2 through 4 responsively:

Women: "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah,

Men: out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Women: Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,

Men: and the rest of His brothers return to join the Israelites.

Women: He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.

All: And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.”

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem (CW93 65)

**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 all the 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;
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

5. FROM MAJESTY TO MANGER

Narrator: Jack O'Mara

Children: (All the children)

Teacher: Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6 says:
“For to us

Children: a child is born,

Teacher: to us

Children: a Son is given,

Teacher: and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,

Children: Mighty God,

Teacher: Everlasting Father,

Children: Prince of Peace.”

Narrator: Truman Dexter

Recitation: (Upper Level)

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests” (Luke 2:10-14).

Narrator: Jack O’Mara

The shepherds were filled with joy and responded immediately.

Recitation: (Lower Level)

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger (Luke 2:15,16).

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High (CW93 63)

(Congregation sings the verses; Children sing the refrain)

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

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

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

6. FROM JONAH TO ETERNAL JOY

Narrator: Aubrey O’Mara

Narrator: Truman Dexter

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The final illustration of Immanuel points to His death and victory over the grave. Jesus completed the work of salvation when He rose from the dead. He crushed the power of Satan under foot and proclaimed victory over death—not just for Himself but for all who place their trust in him. Paul writes to the believers in Corinth to assure them that through the resurrection of Christ Jesus, they too will live eternally with Him in heaven. Let’s read this precious truth together:

Narration by Congregation (1 Corinthians 15:20-22):

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Narrator: Truman Dexter

Song by the children: "Immanuel" by Kathleen Schroeder vs. 1 & 4

1 O can you see the pictures God paints throughout His Word?
We see them in the Scriptures; their echoes can be heard:
the shadows of the future, our God's eternal plan
for bringing us salvation—we sing His praise a-gain.

Refrain:

The Lord of lords, the King of kings,
the Holy One of whom we sing,
the Word made flesh, a helpless child,
the Son of God, so meek and mild—
Immanuel.

4 Redeemed, our hearts now worship this infant Savior-King.
We kneel beside His cradle and hear the angels sing.
With thankfulness we serve Him in ev'rything we do.
We lift our songs to heaven with joyful praises to . . .

Refrain:

The Lord of lords, the King of kings,
the Holy One of whom we sing,
the Word made flesh, a helpless child,
the Son of God, so meek and mild—
Immanuel.

Offering

The ushers will gather the offering. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



Prayer of the Church on Christmas Eve

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

The pastor will call forward the ushers and will light his candle off the Christ Candle, and then light their candles. The ushers will go down the aisles lighting the person on the end's candle. The person WITHOUT the flame will tip their candle towards the lighted candle and will pass the flame on to the next person in the row. Be careful not to spill candle wax.

Prayer

Pastor: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our judge, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: May He who by His incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Silent Night (CW93 60)

**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.**

(Everyone sing in the German.)

**Stille Nacht! Heil'ge Nacht! Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar. Holder Knab' im lockigen Haar,
Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh! Schlafe in himmlischer Ruh!**

**Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**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.**

- ❖ The children will receive Christmas bags as they leave church this evening.
- ❖ When you leave the chapel, extinguish candles and hand them to the usher as you are ushered out of church this evening.
- ❖ Christmas Day / Sunday Communion service will take place tomorrow at 10:30 AM.