

# Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

## CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2016

10:15 A.M.

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### PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Christmas Improvisation"

"Carol of the Bells"

"Gloria for the Flutes"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn"

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Cassler

Leontovich

Jordan

Traditional

Cherwein

Zachau

### ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Welcome

\* Processional Hymn: PH 346

"Once in Royal David's City"

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Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Women

Stanza 3: Men

Stanzas 4 & 5: All

The Lighting of the Advent Candles: John 1:1-5, 9, 14

Reader 1: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Reader 2: He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him.

Reader 1: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Reader 2: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Reader 1: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

**All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

\* Hymn: PH 340

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

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:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of- God-, Light-of- Light-  
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very- God, begotten, not created: (Refrain)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye bright hosts of heaven above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!" (Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

\* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Christmas Prayer:

**We pray, O Lord, purify our hearts, that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for you, but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you, who were born into the world for us, you, who live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for evermore. Amen.**

Response: PH 342 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

John 3:19-20

Prayer of Confession:

**Generous God, you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, generous God, for the casual way we treat your gift of love. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

John 3:16-18a

Hymn: PH 355

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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God's Will for Our Lives:

Matthew 5:3-12

Women's Chorus: "What Child Is This"

arr. Dix

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn: PH 347

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 ; Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: *For You*

## Prayer

\* Hymn: PH 337

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

## THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund/Faith Promise for Missions

Offertory: “The World’s Desire”

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\* The Apostles’ Creed (Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

\* Choral Response: PH 214

“Glory to God”

ERE ZIJ GOD

The congregation is asked to join the choir when indicated.

**Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, in the highest, in highest!**  
**Peace be on earth, peace be on earth, to the people whom God delights in.**  
**Amen. Amen.**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

\* Hymn: PH 354, vv. 1, 5

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

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!

Saints and angels join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore their voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

\* Postlude: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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