

UPTOWN CHURCH

AT STATION WEST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seth Van Dyke
Director of Youth & Kids

ADVENT READING

Greywoode Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jordan Olshefski
Senior Pastor

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander | Henry John Gauntlett

Once in royal David's city, Stood a lowly cattle shed
Where a mother laid her Baby, In a manger for His bed
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child

He came down to earth from Heaven, Who is God and Lord of all
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love
For that Child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in Heav'n above
And He leads His children on, To the place where He is gone



Visitor? Scan me.



CONFESSION OF SIN

EXTENDING PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Edward Shippen Barnes | James Chadwick

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

chorus

Gloria, In excelsis Deo

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

chorus

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

chorus

O COME ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

Bob Kauflin | Lisa Clow

O come, all you unfaithful, Come, weak and unstable, come
Know you are not alone
O come, barren and waiting ones, Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

chorus

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken, Come, with fears unspoken, come
Taste of His perfect love
O come, guilty and hiding ones, there is no need to run
See what your God has done

chorus

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come, though you have nothing, Come, He is the offering, come
See what your God has done

chorus

NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION

Alvin Lin
Associate Pastor

*Children, K through 2, are dismissed at this time to find their teacher in the front of this room.
If you have not checked in your child, go to the check-in station at the back with them to do so.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Forde Britt, *Elder*

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 1:1-5A; JOSHUA 2:1-21

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab...

¹ And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ² And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³ Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴ But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from." ⁵ And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶ But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷ So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

⁸ Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹ and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰ For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹ And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴ And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you."

¹⁵ Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall. ¹⁶ And she said to them, "Go into the hills, or the pursuers will encounter you, and hide there three days until the pursuers have returned. Then afterward you may go your way." ¹⁷ The men said to her, "We will be guiltless with respect to this oath of yours that you have made us swear. ¹⁸ Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household. ¹⁹ Then if anyone goes out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be on his own head, and we shall be guiltless. But if a hand is laid on anyone who is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head. ²⁰ But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be guiltless with respect to your oath that you have made us swear." ²¹ And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

“RAHAB: GRACE TO THE OUTCAST”

Matthew 1:1-5a; Joshua 2:1-21

I. The Scandal

II. The Significance

III. The Savior

THE OFFERING



Giving? Scan me.



CONFESSION OF FAITH CORPORATE CONFESSION

Sending Litany

People: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,
we trust in the Lord's goodness.
We rely on His mercy.
We find shelter in His steadfast love.
In this Advent season of waiting,
Lord, we await Your salvation.
We await Your leading,
we await Your coming.
In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,
we walk in the Lord's way.
We keep our covenant promises.
We follow His example of love.

SONG OF RESPONSE

BEHOLD HIM

Mitch Wong | Paul Baloche

He who was before there was light, Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing, Behold Him
He who heard humanity's cry, Left His throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us, Behold Him

chorus

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah

The Lamb, the roaring Lion

Oh be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints, Healed the blind, the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst, Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end, Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life, Behold Him

chorus

Holy holy holy, is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy, to receive all praise

chorus

BENEDICTION

Jordan Olshefski

TAKE THE NEXT STEP



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Life Groups are always open



MUSICIANS

Worship Leader - Jeremy Goodwyne | **Front Vocalist** - Anna Coker | **Drums** - Tom Graf |
Bass Guitar - Paul Winter | **Electric Guitar** - Brad Bailey | **Piano** - John Humcke

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