

**Glen Echo Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Christmas Eve, 4:30 PM  
December 24, 2020**

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Prelude  
Welcome and Announcements  
Invocation

Patty Bellus  
Rev. Dawn Ingram

**Hymn of Praise**

**“Joy to the World”**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its 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.**

**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.**

Scripture

Luke 2:1-16

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Message

“If These Nativity Figures Could Talk”

## Hymn of Preparation “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
You who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.**

**Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, here among us shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the new-born King.**

Invitation to Commune  
Prayer of Consecration

(Please eat and drink the communion food that you brought from home.)

## Hymn of Dedication “Silent Night, Holy Night”

*(You are welcome to stay in or stand by your cars as we sing Silent Night.)*

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly 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.**

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