

A special thank you to Chalmers' Christmas Orchestra:

Bev Cameron – Flute

Bob Finlay – Guitar

Tom Hunter – Guitar

Cassandra Skinner – Trumpet

Myles Skinner – Trombone

Islay Thibodeau – Double Bass

Lizz Thibodeau – Violin

Torry Thibodeau – Violin



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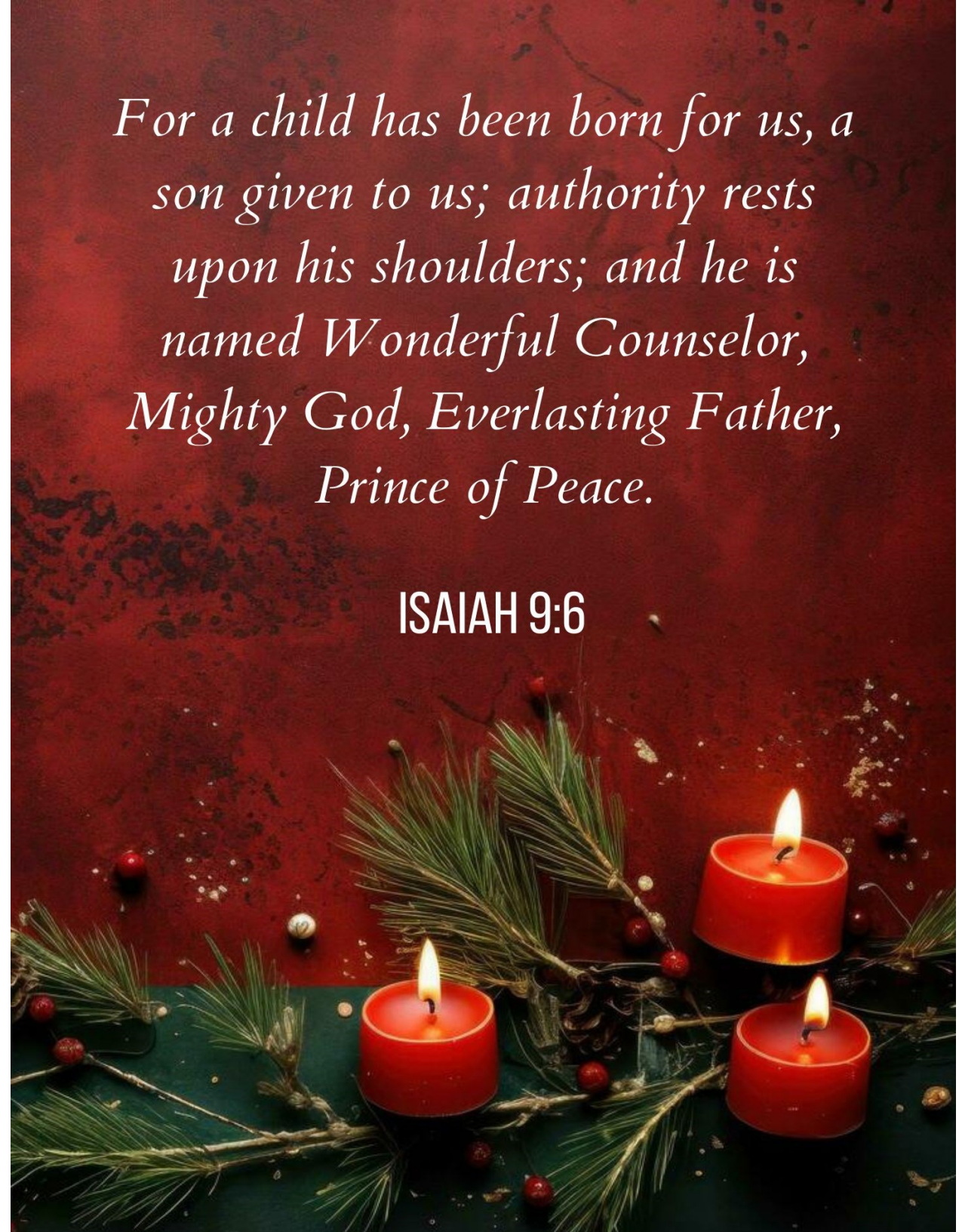
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*Join us in person or online for Sunday
worship at 10 AM*

*For a child has been born for us, a
son given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders; and he is
named Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6



Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

the Light of the World

A Service of Readings & Carols

Chalmers Presbyterian Church
Christmas Eve 2024 7:00pm

*Welcome to this in person and online Christmas Eve worship celebration.
May peace and joy fill your heart.*

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: Lighting the Christ Candle PWS&D Insert Richard & Gillian Cote

***Carol:** *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (Verses 1, 3, & 4)* 159

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7 Lorna Wilson

Carol: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 139

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 Bill George

***Carol:** *Away in a Manger* 149

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7 Todd Webster

Senior Choir Anthem: *Everywhere I Go, arranged by Larry Shackley*

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20 Gord Vair

***Carol:** *Angels We Have Heard On High* 147

Special Praise: *O Holy Night, by Adolphe Adam* Bob Finlay

Christmas Reflection

Special Praise: *I Wonder As I Wander,* Cassandra & Myles Skinner
Traditional Appalachian Carol

Prayer for Offering and Pastoral Prayer

***Carol:** *Silent Night* 154

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5,14 Elaine McInnis

***Carol:** *Joy to the World* 153

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Worshippers are welcome to leave their Christmas offering in the baskets provided in the narthex at the beginning or end of the service. Loose offerings will support of the Ark Aid Mission. Thank you for your generous financial gifts.



***This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.**

Silent Night — 154

German: Joseph Mohr, translation, John Freeman Young

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 'Hallelujah,
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour 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.

Joy to the World — 153

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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, and wonders of his love.

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful — 159

John Francis Wade, Translation: F. Oakeley

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:

Refrain

Oh come, let us adore him;
Oh come, let us adore him;
Oh come, let us adore him,

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks draw nigh with holy fear;
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps:

Sing, choir of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizen of heaven above.
“Glory to God in the highest!”

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing — 139

Charles Wesley, Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the new-born King.

Christ by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel,
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King.”

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die;
Born to raise the lost of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King!”



Away In A Manger — 149

by William J. Kirkpatrick and James R. Murray

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet
head;

the stars in the heavens looked down
where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from
the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender
care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee
there.



Angels We Have Heard on High —147

By Charles Wesley, Music: Felix Mendelssohn

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 heavenly song?

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

See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise.

Choir Anthem: Everywhere I Go

Arranged by Larry Shackley

Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.
Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.

They turned away Mary and-a Joseph from the inn,
somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus,
A baby born in Bethalehem,
somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.

O ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.
Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Born, born of the Virgin Mary, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus,
Born, born on a Christmas morning, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.
Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord,
ev'rywhere I go, somebody talkin' 'bout, talkin' 'bout Jesus.

Ev'rywhere I go, ev'rywhere I go my Lord, ev'rywhere I go,
somebody talkin' 'bout *Wonderful, counselor,*
somebody talkin' 'bout *He's the mighty God,*
somebody talkin' 'bout *the everlasting Father,*
somebody talkin' 'bout *and He's the Prince of Peace.*
somebody talkin' 'bout Jesus.

