



**GOD WILL SEND A RIGHTEOUS KING**Jeremiah 23:5-6  
Joe Cain

Rev. Peggy Finch

In ancient times the cedar was revered as the tree of royalty. It also signified immortality and was used for purification. The cedar branch is a sign of Christ, who reigns as King forever, and who's coming, in justice and righteousness, will purify our hearts.

**\*Hymn – Angels We Have Heard On High**

1. 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!*

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

Refrain: *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

**Offering***The First Noel*

Children's Handbell Choir

**\*Response***What Can I Give Him?*

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part, yet what I can I give him: give him my heart!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Rodney Denton

**THE PROPHET DECLARES A CHILD WILL BE BORN**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Abbie Williams**Solo***Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

Paige Hepler

Jillian Hardy

Because the needles of pine and fir trees appear not to die each season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. Therefore, the wreath of evergreens shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, signifies the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ.

**WHO IS THIS LORD?**Isaiah 53:1-6  
Neal Faircloth

Rev. Rodney Denton

For Christians, this passage from Isaiah reflects the sufferings of Jesus, who saved us from our sins by His death on the cross, and by His resurrection from the dead. In ancient times, holly and ivy were considered signs of Christ's passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries, the blood of the Savior, and the bitter bark, the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. Let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

**Solo***Gesu Bambino*

Tara Oldaker

**\*Hymn – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. 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 with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

3. Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun 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 us from the earth, born to give us second birth.

Refrain

**THE WORD BECAME FLESH**John 1:1-5, 9-14  
Drew Lanning**Duet***O Holy Night*

Carly Murphy, Tyler Oldaker

**Recitation**

Luke 2:1-17

Brandon Downs

**LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE CHRISMON TREE**

Dr. Ivan Peden

As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, we light the Chrismon Tree. During this Advent, wherever you see a lighted Christmas tree, let it call to mind the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive Christ.

Let us pray:

Matthew Kuppel

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Solo***O Christmas Tree*

Josh Hunt