

Order of Worship for Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 25, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth!

**Christ is born! Hallelujah!**

We light the white candle as a symbol of Christ, our Redeemer.

**No longer do we seek light from another source, for the light of Christ shines in our hearts.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Glory to you, God most high! You have given us a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord— good news of great joy for all. Make us messengers of the gospel and shepherds of your people; guide us always in paths of peace; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

Hymn 250

“Once in Royal David’s City”

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. [Book of Common Worship (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 54)]**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, help us to receive the Word made flesh so that we may sing with the angels: glory to God in the highest heaven and peace among people on earth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Diana Fiske

**New Testament**

John 1:1-14

**Sermon**

“The Word Made Flesh”

Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Gathering the Collection**

**Response of Praise**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Glorious God, with the angels we celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful peace in our Savior. May we exult in your goodness with the exhilaration of children opening presents. As we bring our offerings, we ask that our lives would reflect your joy and generosity. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayer Requests and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 246

“Joy to the World”

**Benediction and Response**

Let all the people say:

**Merry Christmas!**



**Calendar**

January 1, 2023      Worship at 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour and “Verses and Voices” at 11 a.m.

## Bible Passages in the King James Version

Isaiah 52:7-10 7 “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.”

John 1:1-14 1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

*“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”*



## **Fishers Island Union Chapel**

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**Hymn 250 “Once in Royal David’s City”**

1 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.

2 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.

3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,  
for that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above,  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

4 Not in that poor, lowly stable with the oxen standing by  
we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.  
Then like stars his children crowned, all in white, his praise will sound.

**Hymn 246 “Joy to the World”**

1 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.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding  
joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4 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.