

# Moran United Methodist Church

December 26, 2021 – First Sunday after Christmas Day

## Prelude

Joanne Brown

## Welcome

Rev. Cody Natland

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you have joined us to worship God today. Whether this is your first Sunday with us or you have been worshipping with us for many years, we want you to know that you are a beloved child of God and you belong here in our church family. If you are joining us in person, please be sure that you wear a face mask and that it covers your mouth and nose. We ask you to please refrain from singing, but invite you to hum, clap, or read along with the music.

## Call To Worship

Joanne Brown

**Leader:** After the birth of Jesus, how have our lives been changed? How are we to live as God's beloved children?

**People:** **We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.**

**Leader:** How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

**People:** **We are to put on the garments of love and peace.**

**Leader:** Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have received.

**People:** **Lord, thank you not only for being born into our world, but for continuing to dwell among us. Amen.**

## Carol

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Janice Wrhel, with Crystal Natland

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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 man no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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## Prayers of the People

*You are invited to offer your prayers aloud to God or share them in the video comments if joining us on Facebook. Prayer requests can also be emailed to Pastor Cody at [PastorNatland@gmail.com](mailto:PastorNatland@gmail.com)*

## Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cody Natland

## 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, forever. Amen.**

**Carol** "What Child Is This"

Joanne Brown

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

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**Carol** "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Janice Wrhel with Crystal & Cody Natland

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.  
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.

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**Story Time** "Clopper the Christmas Donkey" by Emily King, illustrated by Ed Olson

**Carol** "The First Noel"

Joanne Brown

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;

and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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**Sermon**      *After the Birth of Jesus, The Work Begins*

Rev. Dr. Leroy Barber

### **Invitation to the Offering**

*We invite you to give as God leads you to support our church and ministries as we seek to embrace, inspire, and serve, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You may place your gift in the offering plates in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, give online at [www.moranumc.org/give](http://www.moranumc.org/give), or mail your gift to: 3601 E 65<sup>th</sup> Ave / Spokane, WA 99223.*

**Song**      "Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)"

Janice Wrhel with Crystal Natland

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 world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*Chorus:* Joy, unspeakable joy  
An overflowing well  
No tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy  
It rises in my soul  
Never lets me go

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his life,  
And wonders of his life, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Chorus*

*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, George Frederic Handel, Isaac Watts, and Matt Gilder © sixsteps Music*

**Benediction**

Rev. Cody Natland

**Postlude**

Joanne Brown

*If you would like to greet one another, **we invite you to gather outside** on the entry patio for a time of fellowship, but please do not gather indoors.*

*Call to Worship adapted from Nancy C. Townley, accessed at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3445/worship-connection-december-26-2021>*

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**Virtual Coffee Hour**

Sundays at 11:30 am on Zoom

Those worshipping virtually are invited to join us on Zoom for a time of fellowship and connection immediately following the worship service.

Join by Computer/Tablet/Smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/96460688631>

Join by Phone (home phone, landline, or cell – no internet required)

+1(253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631) +1(346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 964 6068 8631)

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**Mitten Tree**

Through the end of December, we are collecting the following items for the Mitten Tree, in children's and adult sizes:

- Warm Hats
- Mittens and Gloves
- Socks
- Scarves

Donations can be placed on/near the Mitten Tree at the entrance to the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, or during office hours throughout the week. Curbside donation drop-off is available on Mondays from 10am to Noon during our "Mission Mondays Drive-Through."

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**Worship At Moran UMC** -- Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am

We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at Moran UMC. Mask wearing and physical distancing will be required by all participants, regardless of vaccination status. Children's Sunday School for children in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is offered in the Disciples/Shepherds Room during the worship service.

**Worship Online** -- Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am

Our worship services continue to be live-streamed online for those who are unable or not yet comfortable returning to in-person services. Our worship services continue to be live-streamed online for those who are unable or not yet comfortable returning to in-person services.

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**Children's Sunday School (Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

*Sundays at 10:30 am in the Disciples/Shepherds Room*

Sunday School is offered during our worship service in the Disciples/Shepherds Room. All children and adults must wear masks, and all teachers and other volunteers are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please bring your child straight back to the classroom when you arrive rather than entering the Sanctuary.

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**Weekday Morning Prayer Group** -- Weekdays at 9am on Zoom

We meet on Monday through Friday mornings for prayer, scripture, and a short meditation.

Join Morning Prayer by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/349727648>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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**Vespers and Holy Communion** – Beginning in January, this service will take place just once per month, on the first Monday of the month, at 6:30pm on both Facebook and Zoom.

Connect via Facebook: [www.facebook.com/moranchurch](http://www.facebook.com/moranchurch)

Connect via Zoom (computer/tablet/smartphone: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/97155799598>)

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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**Pub Theology** -- Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom -- *Resumes January 11th*

Join by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet: <https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/794159957>

Connect via Phone (home phone, landline, cell phone):

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**Wednesday Evening Bible Study** – *Resumes January 12th*

Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 pm on Zoom

Join the Wednesday Evening Advent Study by Computer/Smartphone/Tablet:

<https://greaternw.zoom.us/j/276855082>

Join the Wednesday Evening Advent Study by Phone (dial either of these numbers):

+1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID: 276 855 082) +1 (346) 248-7799 (Meeting ID: 276 855 082)

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### Lord, Hear Our Prayers...

- For **family and friends of Gerald Bertram**, who passed away on December 19th.
- For all who are **traveling** in the coming days.
- For those who are **unhoused and inadequately housed** as the temperatures are expected drop very low this coming week.
- For **Craig**, Joan King's friend, who is recovering from multiple broken bones from a car accident.
- For **Nancy Oberst and her family** as they grieve the death of her beloved mother.
- For Don Rodman's brother, **Chuck**, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- For **Roseann Thornberry** who is home and continuing to recover from a stroke.
- For **Elizabeth Williams** as she continues chemotherapy and radiation and recovers from breakthrough COVID-19.
- For **Clara**, Debbie Arnold's mother, who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- For **Jewel Nelson**, Lois Moller's friend, who is recovering from surgery on her knee cap.
- For **Dylan and Dean Robinson**
- For **Mia**, Nola Lefler's granddaughter's friend, who is in a coma with liver failure.
- For **Martin Nelson**, Lois Moller's friend, recovering from serious burns.
- For **Richard Smith**, as he navigates health issues.
- For **Dennis Rainey**, who is having health difficulties.
- For **Lis McCrea-Jones**, who is recovering from knee surgery.
- For the **McCrea-Jones Family**.
- For **Joni Swartout**, recovering from recent illness.
- For **Karen Tauscher** as she continues cancer treatments.
- For **Avery**, Joan King's friend, who is battling cancer.
- For **Lynley**, the daughter of a childhood friend of Harriet Van Wyck.
- For **Ed Malcolm** as he manages pain in his esophagus, back, and hip.

- For **those impacted by bullying, racism, discrimination, and racist violence**, and we pray for **change in our nation**.
- For all who are sick, recovering, and grieving deaths from **COVID-19**. For those experiencing **loneliness and isolation**. For **hospitals, medical centers, and medical workers**.
- For our local church leaders, our District Superintendent Rev. Daniel Miranda, and our Bishop Rev. Elaine Stanovsky.