

## *Christmas Day Worship*

*December 25, 2014 – 10am*

**Our purpose at Modesto CRC is to joyfully worship and glorify God, lovingly equip, nurture and care for our fellow believers, and earnestly share life in Jesus Christ with others, enfolding them in His church.**

Welcome to worship at Modesto CRC. Please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. \* denotes standing for those who are able and **boldfaced** type often indicates words to be read aloud by the worshipers. The hymnals found in the pew racks are the Psalter Hymnal (PsH: *gray*) and the Celebration Hymnal (CH: *red*). We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

*The mantle on the cross is white the color of light, symbolizing that Jesus, the light of the world, has come.*

Prelude: *“Medley of Traditional Carols” arr. Gilliam, McCaskill*

Welcome & Call to Worship: Pastor Peter Oh  
Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.  
Let us go with the shepherds:  
**Let us go to find the Savior!**  
Let us go with the wise ones:  
**Let us go to find God’s promise, born for us!**  
Let us go with the poor and humble:  
**Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**  
Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.  
Come, let us worship; come, let adore him:  
**Christ the Lord!**

\*God’s Greeting

\*Carol: “Joy to the World!” PsH 337:1, 2, 4

\*Prayer of Adoration: Chad Meeuwse

\*Carol: “Once in Royal David’s City” PsH 346:1, 2, 5

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Carol: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” PsH 353

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: unison  
**We pray, O Lord, purify our hearts, that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for you, but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you, who were born into the world for us, you, who live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for evermore. Amen.**

Carol: “What Child Is This?” CH 281

Assurance of Forgiveness: Luke 2:10-11

Choral Response: *“Good Tidings” Shackley*  
*Behold, I bring you good tidings, of a great joy.*  
*I bring good news from heaven above, tidings of a great joy.*

*On a quiet night in Bethlehem, shepherds watched the sky.*  
*An angel came and spoke to them with news from God on high.*

*The Babe is born in Bethlehem! This shall be a sign:*  
*You’ll find him wrapped in swaddling clothes, the holy Child divine.*

*And the angels sang, “Glory, glory!”*  
*The angels sang, “Peace on earth, to you and all mankind.”*

*Go now and worship him, the Babe in Bethlehem. Good tidings of a great joy!*

\*Passing Christmas Peace

\*Carol: “Angels We Have Heard on High” PsH 347

Scripture Reading: (p.)

Sermon: “”

\*Response: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” PsH 356

Christmas Day Prayer

Offering for the Modesto Gospel Mission  
Offertory: *“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” arr. Olstad*

\*Carol: “The First Noel” CH 265:1-3

\*God's Parting Blessing

\*Parting Praise: "The First Noel" CH 265:6

Postlude

**PARTICIPANTS**

Pastor Peter Oh	Chad Meeuwse
The Adult Choir	David Oh, Nathan Oh – violin
Marika Bos – flute	Katherine Swartz – saxophone
Daniel Hannink, Luke Nydam – trumpet	Mark Nunnally – French horn
Bill Fredericks – trombone	Megan Bos – baritone

Following the service, elders will be available for prayer at the front of the sanctuary.

*If you would like to know more about Modesto CRC or if you need information about being involved in a specific ministry, please call the church office at 209-523-1906. We welcome your participation in any or all of our ministries and activities.*