



May 9, 2024

Favorite Christmas Hymns

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought Treats!

Bible Study Business

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Hymn Series – Christmas Hymns

- *Little Town of Bethlehem, Silent Night, and Joy to the World*

Hymn – O Little Town of Bethlehem ELW 279

Background information on this hymn

Scripture - Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Discussion

- When I first heard this carol, I thought Bethlehem was...
 - When I think of Bethlehem now, I think...
- What memories do you associate with singing O Little Town of Bethlehem?
- What is the message of this carol for you?
- What does that line “The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight” mean do you?
- What does the word “Immanuel” mean?
 - Does singing “our Lord, Immanuel” give you a sense of connection or belonging?

♪ Sing O Little Town of Bethlehem – ELW 279

Hymn - Silent Night ELW 281

Background information on this hymn

“Silent night, holy night”

Scripture Luke 2:5-11

⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Discussion

- What do you think the first Christmas Night was like?
- What do the words “silent” and “holy” mean to you?
 - Is there holiness in silence?
- Why is light special at Christmastime?
- What is the significance of light related to faith?
- What does “the dawn of redeeming grace” mean to you?
- What was special about the birth of Jesus?
 - What was ordinary about his birth?
 - How is every birth special?
- What are your favorite memories of this song?

♪ Sing *Silent Night* – ELW 281

Hymn- Joy to the World ELW 267

Background information on this hymn

Scripture – Psalm 98:4-9

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy

⁹at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Discussion

- Where do you find joy?
- Has the meaning of joy changed for you over the years?
- What do you do to prepare room for Jesus in your heart?
- How do you understand the nature connection in this song?
- What memories do you have of singing *Joy to the World*?
- What does *Joy to the World* say to you at this time in your life?

♪ Sing *Joy to the World* – ELW 267

Birthdays

Lord's Prayer

	SCHEDULE	
Date	Theme	Musicians
5/9/24	Favorite Christmas Hymns	Lisa Schlotterback
5/16/24	Hymns by Well Known Composers	Lisa Schlotterback
5/23/24	No Bible Study – Memorial Day	None
5/30/24	Hymns by Well Known Composers 2	Lisa Schlotterbeck
6/6/24	Bible Camp Favorites	Pastor Jim Woodruff
6/13/24	Gospels, Spirituals & Social Justice	Randy Amborn
6/20/24	Blues and Folk Tunes	Old Guys Play the Blues
6/27/24	Finale	Lisa Schlotterback