

# CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP--2008

A voice, a chime, a chant sub-lime Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

**Opening Hymn:** *(all rise)* # 367 **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

**The Invocation . . .** All: Amen

**Confession & Forgiveness** *(In Unison)*

**Our Heavenly Father...who by Your love has made us...and through Your love has kept us...and in Your love would make us perfect...we humbly confess that we have not loved You...with all our heart and soul and mind and strength...and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves....Forgive what we have been...help us change what we are...and in Your Spirit direct what we shall be...that You may come into the full glory of Your creation...in us and in all people...**

**On this Christmas Day...joy and celebration fills our spirit...because You O Lord sent Your only Son, Jesus...into our world and into our life...He came, as His name implies ...“to save His people from their sins”...Lord, we believe and trust Your promise ... we believe and trust Jesus is our Savior...forgiveness is assured because You promise... “Whoever believes in Him will not perish...but have everlasting life” ...This is an eternal Christmas gift from You to us...in Jesus’ name...Glory to God in the highest. Amen ! *(all seated)***

**Song:** **“I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day”**

1. I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
2. I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along th’ unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
3. And in despair I bowed my head: “There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
“For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
4. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: God is not dead: nor doth He  
sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men.
5. Till ringing, singing on its way The world revolved from night to day –

## RESPONSIVE DIALOGUE

**Pastor:** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
**Cong:** Those who dwelt in deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**P:** For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
**C: and the government will be upon his shoulder.**  
**P:** Let us call upon his holy Name...

**C: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,**

**P:** We rejoice that You were born among us to help us in our need. By the outpouring of Your Spirit enter our hearts and make us temples of the Holy Spirit.

**C: MIGHTY GOD,**

**P:** Your strength was shown not only at the cross but also at the open tomb. Come to our feeble hearts with power to redeem and redirect.

**C: EVERLASTING FATHER,**

**P:** You are our only source of everlasting life. Come, claim us as your children, that we may live forever in Your care.

**C: PRINCE OF PEACE,**

**P:** Attune our ears to the heavenly peace which passes all understanding and let the message of the angels ring clear today: Peace on earth, good will toward men.

**C: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, from this time forth and forevermore.**

**P:** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. **ALL: Amen!**

**Hymn:** # 364 **Away In A Manger**

**Readings:** *(Composite of 12 selections of Holy Scripture about Jesus)*

**Birth of Jesus:** Luke 2:1 – 14 *(Congregations sings verse one of Silent Night from memory and hums verses 2 and 3)*

**The Sermon** Text: Luke 2:11 Theme: “A Real Gift”

**Gathering of the Offering**

*(As the offering is brought forward... all rise and sing v. 1 of*

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" from memory)

(All rise) Prayers and Lord's Prayer and Consecration  
(All seated) Distribution

*During distribution, sing from memory one verse of these Christmas songs:*

*O Come All Ye Faithful, The First Noel, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Angels We have Heard On High, Joy to the World*

**Thanksgiving** (All rise and remain standing through the closing hymn)

Pastor: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**People: And His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks for God's gift at Christmas...

**People: We give thanks to You almighty God, that You have blessed us through the gift of Your Son; and we ask You to strengthen us in our faith toward You and in our love toward one another; through Christ, our Lord, who lives rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen!**

**The Benediction...**

**All: Amen**

**Closing Hymn: # 387 "Joy to the World" verses 1 and 4**

**JOY  
TO THE  
WORLD**

Complete the year with Worship in God's House  
Bring family and friends...

Sunday Worship, Dec. 28, 2008: 8 AM & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Class: 9:15 AM

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31 Worship: 7 PM

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
6465 Mayport Road  
Englewood, FL

Visitors are always welcome at Redeemer!

# THE CHRIST IS BORN

**A** little Child was born in

**B**ethlehem, bringing with Him

**L**ove, immense, immeasurable; from

**E**ternity He came, that He might

**S**hare our temporal existence and

**S**ave us from it; that He might

**E**nd the separation which had

**D**riven man from Paradise.

**C**hildren of all ages, races, and climes,

**H**earing the voice of the angel,

**R**un with joy to see the manger

**I**nfant, to embrace Him as their only

**S**avior, to cling to Him as their sure

**T**ower of strength, knowing that as

**M**an He experienced all their weaknesses;

**A**nd yet, as God he overcame them and made us

**S**ecure in the love of the Father.

**T**o live our gratitude before Him, we offer

**O**urselves wholly and completely to the service of

**Y**oung and old everywhere, that all may come to sense the

**O**ne-ness we have in Jesus our Savior, whose

**U**nfailing promises support us through each new year.