

Prayer of Confession

*Congregation prays out loud those parts in **bold**.*

Loving Father, as we sing the hopes of those
who suffer and wait for your coming,
we confess that we don't wait for you very well.

**We confess that we become impatient when it takes time for
your will to unfold before us,
your grace to heal the pain within us,
and your character to live through us.**

Forgive us.

Teach us how to wait *on you*
and look for the signs of your presence already evident in our lives.

**Give us the faith to trust our future to you,
as we trust in your purposes,
your timing,
and your love for us.**

Thank you that it is because of the birth, life, death, and resurrection
of Jesus Christ that we can do this.

Time of personal, silent Confession and Reflection

Through Christ, our Emmanuel, we pray. **Amen**

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Advent tells us that the deep longing, the ache we have for the world to be set right, for pain to be fully healed, for death to be defeated must be given voice. More than that: it must be given an Object. Advent reminds us that the hope of the whole aching, broken world is Jesus Christ. – **Glen Packiam**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Building the Creche – ANIMALS

Thompson family

Lighting the Advent Candles – JOY

Worship Committee

Lifting Up Our Voices

Let Us Adore

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Prayer of Confession ... *Time of Silence*

Assurance of Pardon

Song *Midnight Clear*

Moment for Mission: **ENRICH LIVES**

Children's Christmas Play: "Our Simple Christmas Story"

Final Thoughts

Benediction

Postlude

LET US ADORE

The heavens declare
The glory of God
And all of the world
Will join the praise
His wonders proclaim

Verse 2

The oceans and skies
Lift up their voice
And all He has made
Will rise to bless
The King of all kings

Chorus

Let us adore Him
Let us adore Him
Jesus Christ, Emmanuel

Come and behold Him
Bow down before Him
Jesus Christ, Emmanuel

(Bridge)

Hallelujah/Hallelujah
You are worthy of all praise

Verse 3

Eternity's King
Is coming again
Though all of the earth
Will fade away
His truth will remain

GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD

Gentle Mary laid her child/Lowly in a manger
There He lay the undefiled/To the world a stranger
Such a babe in such a place/Can He be the Savior
Ask the saved of ev'ry race/Who have found His favor

Verse 2

Angels sang about His birth/Wise men sought and found Him
Heaven's star shone brightly forth/Glory all around Him
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight/Heard the angels singing
All the plains were lit that night/All the hills were ringing

Verse 3

Gentle Mary laid her child/Lowly in a manger
He is still the undefiled/But no more a stranger
Son of God of humble birth/Beautiful the story
Praise His name in all the earth
Hail the King of glory
Hail the King of glory

MIDNIGHT CLEAR (LOVE SONG)

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 men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

Verse 2

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
Through all the weary world

And man at war with man hears not
The love song which they bring
O hush the noise and cease the strife
And hear the angels sing

Chorus

(Oh) Glory to God in the highest
Glory to God evermore
Good news great joy for all
Melody breaks through the silence
Christ the Savior is born
Jesus the love song of God
(Jesus the love song of God)

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Our Christmas Offering this year will benefit **ENRICH LIVES**, an organization that has a long-term relationship with Divine Care Primary School in the Namabasa district of Mbale, Uganda. Through the past few years, **ENRICH LIVES** has been able to raise money to provide teachers' salaries, solar power and student sponsorships.

Their greatest need right now is support for students. There are about **150** students in the school, but **70** of them can't afford to go to school at this time. We would like to provide sponsorship for these **70** students. It costs about **\$10** a month for a student to go to school, so we are looking to raise about **\$6300** to cover these **70** students for their **9** months of tuition.

Checks can be made to **TPC**; please indicate "Christmas Offering".
Gifts can also be made online at: templetonpres.org/giving.



This is Miria, she is the daughter of Esther. Esther is a housewife and peasant farmer together with her husband, Joseph (not pictured). Sam, the headmaster and owner of Divine Care, is standing next to them in the picture above. Joseph does odd jobs in the grinding mills. They are a typical hand-to-mouth couple, but they have such a heart to educate their children that they've enrolled Miria in school at Divine Care even though they have been struggling to pay the tuition. The rest of the children are in congested government schools. When Sam visited the family with the news about the possibility to pay for their tuition for their daughter, she was so happy and excited! This is another family that will be impacted by TPC's Christmas Offering!