



Peace United Church of Christ
Worship Resources for the First Sunday after Christmas
December 28, 2025

Welcome to Advent! If you have an Advent wreath at home, place it nearby and light the Christ Candle as part of the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn “The First Noel”

The first noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they,
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!

Then let us all, with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

Prayer of Invocation

*God of Christmas wonder, thank you for bringing us to the cradle
to marvel at your wondrous Gift of Jesus.*

*In love, you have redeemed us, lifting us to see the miracle that is new life.
Help us to become the Tidings of Great Joy that we have received from angel host,
and to share the riches of your steadfast love with the world.*

Gloria in Excelsis Deo! Amen

Scripture Readings

Psalm 148

Matthew 2: 13-23

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Hymn

“Joy to the World!”

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!

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

Benediction & Sending Forth