

When we were born, it was expected that we would grow.

We would eat and sleep and our bodies would get bigger. We entered school and were expected to grow as we learned our letters and numbers, eventually moving on to tackle complex subjects like chemistry or foreign languages. We celebrated as our schooling ended and started to work with the expectation that we would grow in our jobs, learning more as time went on.

In our relationships we expect to grow closer to friends and family, becoming more vulnerable with them as we mature together. In all of these instances, Growth and Maturity are indicators of health. What does it look like to grow and mature as a follower of Jesus? If you are curious about this, we invite you to come back as we

*explore our next sermon series: **GROW UP!***

We will start December 30, 2018 at 9:30 AM.

We hope to see you here!



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CHRISTMAS EVE

JOY TO THE WORLD

LUKE 2:1-20



**FIRST COVENANT
CHURCH** *of Omaha*

DEC. 24, 2018 - 5:00PM

Welcome

to First Covenant, we are very glad you have chosen to worship with us this evening! First Covenant strives to Love God and Our Neighbor. We do this by walking humbly with God, by loving mercy and acting justly, and by sharing the good news of Jesus with the world around us. There are many ways this happens here and we encourage you to find out more at fcomaha.org.

Tonight we have the privilege of hearing again the Christmas story. Over these past four weeks we have been hearing about Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Tonight we see how each of those words becomes reality in the birth of Jesus. You are encouraged to join us in song and to listen carefully for what God might be saying to us. It is our hope that you will come to see Jesus in a new way this Christmas.

We love having kids in worship, but if needed, room 204 is open for families and nursing moms with the service streaming.

A brief reminder to be careful with the candles tonight; may this beautiful symbol of the coming light of Christ also be a safe one!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE: March of the Three Kings

PROCESSIONAL: O Come O Come Emmanuel

ADVENT LIGHTING/READING: Kat Leffler

CHOIR ANTHEM: The First Noel

O Come All Ye Faithful

WELCOME

OFFERTORY: Joy To The World

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20

SERMON PART 1: Hope/ Isaiah's Vision

Oh Holy Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem #154

SERMON PART 2: Peace

Away in a Manger #164

SERMON PART 3: Love

Silent Night #172

SERMON PART 4: Joy

Joy To The World #146

Go Tell It On the Mountain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Hallelujah Chorus