



Order of Worship

December 8, 2024

10:15 a.m.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Prelude

*Please stand if you are able

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:9-11

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Song of Praise**

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

***Words of Assurance**

John 12:44-46

And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

***Song of Praise**

Prepare Him Room

O behold, the mystery now unfolds, See the star shine on the virgin foretold. Angels sing and light

up the sky. Hope rings out in a newborn's cry. Swing wide, you ancient gates for Christ is born today!

Chorus:

Prepare Him room, prepare Him room. Let the King of Glory enter in.

God with us, the promise has come to be. This, the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light, to the hungry the words of life, His kingdom now is near for those
with ears to hear. *Chorus 2x*

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem, Hear Him knock, don't say there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle cross, and grave see the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns. Praise the Name above all names! *Chorus 2x*

***What We Believe**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hearing God's Word

John 1:1-18

Prayers of the People

***Offering our Gifts to God**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O Come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

O Come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to the tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

O come thou Rod of Jesse free. Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

O come thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

Let the Little Children Come

(Children Pre-K through first grade may exit for Ambassador Kids)

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Message from God's Word

Warren Harvey

"God With Us "

*Song of Praise

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for every nation
Not with fanfares from above, Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love, Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky, With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life, Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness
Cling now to a mother's breast, Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands, Prophecy the story
Gold a King is born today, Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam Son of heaven, Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man, Christ our mighty Champion!
What a Savior what a Friend, What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

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***Benediction**

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Parents, please remember to pick up your children from Kingdom Kids immediately after the service.

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Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! We would love to get to know you better. Please scan this code and fill out any information you would like to share with us.



Sunday, December 8 -

- Ladies, Join us for our annual Women's Christmas Gathering this afternoon from 2-4 pm at Ambassador!
- High school Christmas party from 4:30 - 8:30 at the Peedins! Bring a snack to share and a white elephant gift. RSVP to Karen at 919-810-3371.

Sunday, December 15 - 5 pm Simply Christmas. A time of Story, Song and Supper for all Ages! Please bring mac & cheese, toppings or a salad to share. See the Messenger for a signup.

Foundations will break December 22nd, 29th and January 5th.

There is a wonderful Christmas Devotional by Paul David Tripp in the lobby, *Everyday Gospel Christmas Devotional*. Feel free to pick up a copy!

Date	2024 Budget	Actual Giving	Deacon's Fund
September	\$51,426.84	\$78,123.15	\$275.00
October	\$51,426.84	\$45,457.54	\$1,120.00
November	\$51,426.84	\$42,408.00	-
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