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~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 6, 2020

10:45 AM

Prelude

***Song of Assembly - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing #203**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - Galatians 4:4-5

Pastor: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Let us worship God.

Invocation

***Christmas Carol - O Little Town of Bethlehem #201**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,

While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

Lighting of Advent Candle - "The Birth of Jesus"

Luke 2:1-7
The Rutland Family

***Christmas Carol - What Child is This #213**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and Angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son, of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail
the Word made flesh, the babe, the son, of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own Him; the King
of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is
born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth, and all
things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Fa-
ther before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begot-
ten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were
made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate
by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also

for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Christmas Carol - It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #200**

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 Heav’n’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O, rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

[Children age 4-5 are dismissed for Children’s Worship]

Prayer of Intercession - RE John Anderson

[Worshipping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings]

Special Music - “Mary Did You Know?”

Ministry of the Word - “A Christmas Genealogy”

Matthew 1:1-17

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Hymn of Response - O Come All Ye Faithful #208 (1,3,4)**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord.

***Benediction**

Postlude

* those who are able, please stand.
+If you would like to speak with someone about how to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please see the pastor or elders after the service.
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~Evening Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 6, 2020

6:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship - Revelation 12:10; Isaiah 9:6

Pastor: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come.

Congregation: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;
And His name shall be called,
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Invocation

***Ministry of Music**

Joy to the World #195

Away in a Manger #204

Good Christian Men, Rejoice #207

Ministry of Prayer

Ministry of the Word - "Creation's Crown"

Psalm 8

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***Hymn of Response - Go, Tell it On the Mountain #224**

***Benediction**