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~Morning Service of Worship~

The Lord's Day - December 20, 2020

10:45 AM

Prelude

***Song of Assembly - Good Christian Men, Rejoice #207**

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Earth and heaven before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship - from Psalm 124:8; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:11,14

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord

Congregation: *Our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace!*

Pastor: Give glory to God in the highest through Jesus, who is Christ the Lord!

Congregation: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

Invocation

Children's Christmas Program

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

***Christmas Carol - Do You Hear What I Hear?**

Said the night wind to the little lamb
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see)
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see? (Do you see what I see)
A star, a star, dancing in the night

With a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear)
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear? (Do you hear what I hear)
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king
Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere
Listen to what I say
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light
He will bring us goodness and light

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[Arranged by Daves Highway, 2014]

Lighting of Advent Candle - “Songs of Simeon and Anna”

Luke 2:21-38

The Gresham Family

***Christmas Carol - The First Noel**

The first noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay —
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!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there, in His presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
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!

Confession of Sin - Lord Christ,
we confess our willingness to be loved
but also our reluctance to love others as we should.
We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love
but our refusal to forgive others as we should.
We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow You without question.
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should.
Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You
with joy, as the shepherds;
with submission, as the wise men;
with gratitude, as Simeon and Anna;

with obedience, as Joseph and Mary;
with love, as You have loved us.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon - Jeremiah 33:14-16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

***Christmas Carol** - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its wings on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

[Arranged by Red Mountain Music, 2011]

Prayer of Intercession - RE Brad Hood
[Worshipping God with His Tithes and Our Offerings]

Ministry of the Word - “There Can Only Be One King”
Matthew 2:1-12
Rev. Jackie D. Gaston

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

***Hymn of Response - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly #216**

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

***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.
+All musical lyrics used by permission, CCLI #2815163

~Evening Service of Worship~
The Lord's Day - December 20, 2020
6:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship - Isaiah 35:8-10

Invocation

***Ministry of Music**

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen #211

We Three Kings of Orient Are (#206)

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #200

Ministry of Prayer

Ministry of the Word - "A Dwelling Place for the LORD"

Psalm 132

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***Hymn of Response** - I Wonder as I Wander (#183)

***Benediction**