

Emory Church

December 12, 2021



The Order of Worship

Prelude	Please be seated to prepare for worship	
Advent Candle Lighting		
*Hymn	#123 O Come O Come, Immanuel!	
*Hymn	#125 Joy to the World!	Congregation
Prayer of Praise		
Scripture Reading	Psalm 103:6-12, Is. 7:10-14	
*Hymn	#145 O Come, All Ye Faithful	Congregation
*Affirmation of Faith		
Prayer for the Nations	Maldives	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:6-7	
A Prayer of Supplication		
*Hymn	His Mercy is More	Congregation
Sermon	Psalm 103:6-12	Dr. Michael Johnson
Benediction		Dr. Michael Johnson
Announcements		
Closing Prayer		

(*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able

Upcoming Events

Dec 12th	Annual Board Meeting
Dec 18th	Assemble Fruit Baskets
Dec 19th	Christmas Cookie Walk Caroling / Deliver Fruit Baskets Hamburger & Hot Dog dinner
Dec 24th	Christmas Eve Service
Jan 4th	Believer's Pot Luck @ Emory
Jan 9th	Board Meeting
Jan 16th	Chili Lunch
Feb 1st	Believers
Feb 13th	Valentine Cookie Cake

Prayer Request

Mary Ann Cooper
Frank Burton
Isabelle Stephenson
Rita Stewart
Carlyon Crook
Danette Roberson
Sherry Byrd
Chub Davis Family

Christmas Card Exchange

Bring your Christmas Cards, we will be accepting Cards through December 19th.
Need a few volunteers to help with sorting and delivery.

Maldives

The Maldives are viewed by many as a luxury holiday destination, but behind the beauty of this island paradise lies a strict Islamic regime. This chain of nearly 1,200 islands has one of the highest population densities worldwide, especially on its main island, Malé. The close-knit, homogeneous communities keep a close watch on their members for any sign of deviation—which naturally includes religious choice. All politicians relentlessly claim that they are keeping the Maldives 100 percent Muslim, leaving effectively no space for any alternative. Conversion to Christianity can easily result in being reported to Muslim leaders or authorities. Expatriate Christians, most of them working in the tourist sector and coming from India and Sri Lanka, are also closely watched, making Christian fellowship very difficult. Persecution mainly takes place away from the eyes of international tourists the country's economy depends on. A church life in the true meaning of the word is virtually impossible. Converts go to great lengths not to be discovered by their families and communities. They would not only face strong opposition and pressure to return to Islam, but could even lose their citizenship. Source <https://www.opendoorsusa.org>

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10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Christmas: His Mercy is More

Psalm 103:6-12

The belief system that supposes God exists, but is not inclined to enter/ intervene into human events is called _____. This view espouses God is not responsible for anything nor does He really care what _____. For a person to adopt this view and then claim the name of Christ makes him a _____. However, what if deism is a false view? What if Jehovah was indeed present at the very moment we needed Him but we were at _____? Would He turn away? Do you know the very best place for someone who is a reprobate, a reviler of Jesus, a rebellious, depraved sinner?

Last week we looked at David's Personal Praise for God's Mercy. Today, we see praise for God's Corporate Mercy. The Lord executes/performs/ works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed and David recounts God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt. How does God perform righteousness, how does He redeem His people from the pit (destruction)? _____ and the _____. Messiah delivers us and then _____ there on our behalf. David then recounts the goodness of God with a number of remarkable statements:

Jehovah is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Note that being slow to anger tells us He does have anger, but He will not always chide... Isaiah 57:16.

He hasn't dealt with us _____. For it He had done this, we would be _____. _____ Christmas but carefully _____ the cross. These verses moved John Calvin to write "He wonderfully _____ those He might justly _____."

As high as the heavens.... This verse and form of measurement is beyond our comprehension. It's basically infinitude. Nasa has informed us that the end of the universe can be known or where heaven begins for us. If you go _____ a second, you could reach the end of the known universe in _____. That's how great God's covenant love is for those who fear Him.

He also takes our sin as far as the east is from the west, removing them. Spurgeon "if sin be removed so far, then we may be sure that the scent, the trace, the memory of it must be entirely gone. If this is the distance of its removal, there is no shade of fear of its ever being brought back again."

Notice verse 11, verse 13, verse 17. There's one constant that David gives us: _____.