

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

HYMN 194 ~ JOY TO THE WORLD! (1-2)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ.
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

PRAYER

HYMN 194 ~ JOY TO THE WORLD! (3-4)

No more let sin and sorrow grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

HYMN 203 ~ RING THE BELLS

Ring the bells, ring the bells, let the whole world know:

Christ was born in Bethlehem many years ago:

Born to die that man might live,

Came to earth new life to give,

Born of Mary, born so low, many years ago.

God the Father gave His Son,

Gave His own beloved One

To this wicked, sinful earth,

To bring mankind His love, new birth.

Ring the bells, ring the bells,

Let the whole world know

Christ the Savior lives today as He did so long ago.

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HYMN 188 ~ O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

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.

God of God, and Light of Light begotten,

Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God, begotten, not created;

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!

O sing all ye citizens of heaven above;

Glory to God, all glory 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, now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Offering

HYMN 202 ~ WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

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:
This, this is Christ the King, 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.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Prayer

WHEN GOD SEEMS SILENT

Matthew 1:18-25

I. WHEN HOPES ARE SHATTERED (1:18-19)

A. The Pledge (18)

- 1. The Divine Pathway (18a)*
- 2. The Devotion of the Pledge (18b)*
- 3. The Disaster of the Pregnancy (18c)*

B. The Predicament (19)

- 1. To be Righteous (19a)*
- 2. To be Respectful (19b)*
- 3. To be Reflective (19c)*

II. WHEN HONOR IS SUPERLATIVE (1:20-23)

A. The Appearance (20a)

B. The Announcement (20b-21)

C. The Application (22-23)

III. WHEN HUMILITY BRINGS SERENITY (1:24-25)

A. Fulfils the Pledge (24)

B. Fosters the Promise (25a)

C. Features the Person (25b)

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

For He alone is worthy, for He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

We'll praise His name forever, we'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Announcements

Christmas Decorating: *December 1, 11:00 am*

We plan to decorate the church for Christmas following this morning's Worship Service. All help is so valuable and appreciated! Please visit with Debra Tolson, Kathy Wilgenburg, or Rae Ellen Windsheimer, if you have questions.

Home Bible Study: *December 3, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of December. We will meet in the home of Dallas and Brooke McCombs on December 3 and are studying the life of Joseph in Genesis 44.

Men's Fellowship: *December 4, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing a study of Elijah's ministry in 2 Kings 4:1.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *December 4, 5:30 pm*

The women's Bible study will meet on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. We will be continuing a study on 1 and 2 Peter. Contact Arlene Weimer 970-380-6041 for more information.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *December 4, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team will rehearse this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Willow Women's Bible Study: *December 9, 4:30 pm*

We are studying Max Lucado's "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus." We plan to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at Willow Coffee and Bake Shop in Brush. Contact Heidi Griffith or Arlene Weimer for questions and to get your workbook.

Board Meeting: *December 9, 7:00 pm*

The Church Board plans to meet on Monday evening, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. with Becky Miller giving the devotions.

Christmas Eve Service and Fellowship: *December 22, 6:00 pm*

This year's Christmas Eve Service will be on Sunday evening, December 22, at 6:00 p.m. It will be followed by our Christmas Eve Fellowship at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child

We were able to send 63 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Thanks to everyone who helped with this ministry.

Offerings

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at www.iechurch.org.
