

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Philippians 4:19

*And my God will meet all your needs
according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

HYMN 191 ~ HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

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 angelic hosts 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 the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail, the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with men 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."

PRAYER

HYMN 187 ~ COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come Thou long expected Jesus,

Born to set Thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us,

Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,

Hope of all the earth Thou art;

Dear Desire of every nation,

Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,

Born a Child and yet a King;

Born to reign in us forever,

Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit,

Rule in all our hearts alone;

By Thine all sufficient merit,

Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

HYMN 186 ~ O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (1, 4, 5)

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, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Messiah, come again,
And rid the world of death and sin.
Return, thou risen Savior and King,
That heav'n and earth at last may sing.

Rejoice, Rejoice;

Emmanuel has come to thee, O Israel!

HYMN 211 ~ INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

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.

Offering

HYMN 206 ~ ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (1, 3, 4)

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains.

Glo - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Glo - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth.

Glo - ri - a, in excelsis Deo! Glo - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

Prayer

WHEN GOD SPEAKS

Luke 1:26-38

I. GOD'S INVOLVEMENT (1:26-27)

- A. The Interconnectedness of God's Will (26a)
- B. The Interconnectedness of God's Working (26b)
- C. The Interconnectedness of God's Ways (27)

II. GOD'S INSTRUCTION (1:28-33)

- A. Gabriel's Entrance (28-29)
 - 1. *With God's Favor (28)*
 - 2. *With Great Fear (29)*
- B. Gabriel's Encouragement (30-33)
 - 1. *Because of God's Grace (30)*
 - 2. *Because of God's Gift (31-33)*

III. GOD'S "IMPOSSIBILITY" (1:34-38)

- A. The Difficulty (34)
- B. The Discernment (35-37)
 - 1. *God's Presence (35a)*
 - 2. *God's Power (35b)*
 - 3. *God's Preparation (36)*
 - 4. *God's Promises (37)*
- C. The Devotion (38)
 - 1. *Mary's Character (38a)*
 - 2. *Mary's Courage (38b)*
 - 3. *Mary's Confidence (38c)*

HYMN 185 ~ EMMANUEL
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

(a Capella)
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His name is called Emmanuel.
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Announcements

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.

Men's Fellowship: *December 11, 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 4:8.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *December 11, 7:00 pm*

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

Home Bible Study: *December 17, 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 17 and are studying the life of Joseph in Genesis 45.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *December 18, 5:30 pm*

The women's Bible study will meet on December 18 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.

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

This year's Christmas Eve Service will be on Sunday evening, December 22, at 6:00 p.m. Please let Pastor Tolson know if you would like to participate in the service.

Christmas Eve Fellowship: *December 22, 7:00 pm*

Following the Christmas Eve Service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas cookies and goodies. Please bring some cookies and goodies to the kitchen on Sunday morning, December 22.

Offerings

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