

DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Prelude*

*Welcome & Announcements*



*Greeting One Another*

***Luke 2:20***

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God  
for all the things they had heard and seen,  
which were just as they had been told.*

***Matthew 2:10***

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.*

**HYMN 191 ~ HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (1-2)**

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."**

***Prayer***

**HYMN 206 ~ ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (1-2)**

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!**

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be; which inspire your heav'nly song?

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

***Giving to the Lord***

**IT'S CHRISTMAS**

*~ Cody Corsentino & Ty Griffith ~*

***Prayer***

**~ Sunday School Christmas Play ~  
*The Birth of Jesus***

## WHAT CHILD IS THIS (LOVE HAS COME TO US)

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?  
So, bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This holy Child, this holy Child, our God Emmanuel.  
We fall down and worship now.  
Your love has come to us. Oh, love has come to us.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.  
This holy Child, this holy Child, our God Emmanuel.  
We fall down and worship now.  
Love has come to us. Oh, love has come to us.  
Your love has come to us.  
Your love has come to us.

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## WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT

The shepherds came to see the Baby; Stood by His mother's side.  
Here lay the Savior inside a manger.  
Oh, what a glorious night! Oh, what a glorious night!  
I hear the angels singing, "Hallelujah!  
Let the earth receive her King."  
I know that love has come; sing it out:  
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!  
The shepherds wonder; they couldn't hide it,  
They told everyone in sight.  
All were amazed when they heard how God came down  
On the glorious night.  
God came down on this glorious night.  
I hear the angels singing, "Hallelujah!  
Let the earth receive her King."  
I know that love has come; sing it out:  
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!  
All is calm now, all is quiet;  
A star shining in the sky.  
Below in Bethlehem, the King is sleeping.  
Oh, what a glorious night! Oh, what a glorious night!  
I hear the angels singing, "Hallelujah!

Let the earth receive her King.”  
I know that love has come; sing it out:  
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!  
Jesus Christ is born!

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**JOY TO THE WORLD!** (*Children - v. 1*)  
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.

**HYMN 194 ~ JOY TO THE WORLD!** (*Congregation – vv. 2-3*)

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.  
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.

# Shepherds & Wise Men

## *Luke 2 & Matthew 2*

### ***I. THE SHEPHERDS (LUKE 2:8-12)***

- A. They are “Forgettable” (8)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. They are God’s Focus (9~10)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. They receive God’s Favor (11-12)

### ***II. THE WISE MEN (MATTHEW 2:1-2)***

- A. Their Quest (1)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Their Question (2)

## MAKE ROOM

A family hiding from the storm,  
Found no place at the keeper's door,  
It was for this a child was born, to save a world so cold and hollow.

A sleeping town, they did not know that lying in a manger low,  
A Savior King who had no home has come to heal our sorrows.

***Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?***

***Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?***

Shepherds counting sheep at night,  
Do not fear the glory light.  
You are precious in His sight.  
God has come to raise the lowly.

***Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?***

***Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?***

You can come as you are,  
But it may set you apart.  
When you make room in your heart  
And trade your dreams for His glory.  
Make room in your heart,  
Make room in your heart.

A mother holds the promise tight.  
Every wrong will be made right.  
The road is straight, the burden's light,  
For in His hands, He holds tomorrow.

***Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?***

***Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?***

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## ***Announcements***

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**Christmas Eve Service:** *December 18, 6:00 pm*

Our Christmas Eve Service will begin this evening at 6:00 p.m.

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**Christmas Eve Fellowship:** *December 18, 7:00 pm*

Following tonight's Christmas Eve Service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship with Christmas cookies and goodies.

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**Men's Fellowship:** *December 21, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets at the church in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing our discussion with Ephesians 6:19.

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**Praise Team Rehearsal:** *December 21, 7:00 pm*

The Praise Team will rehearse this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to participate.

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**Christmas Communion Service:** *December 25, 9:45 am*

Next Sunday, we will celebrate Communion as we also celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**2023 Church Board Installation:** *January 1, 9:45 am*

The Church Board for 2023 will be installed during the Worship Service on January 1.

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

Heavenly Heartbeats Women's Bible study will meet again on Wednesday, January 4 at 5:30 p.m. and will be beginning a study of James. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more details, contact Arlene Weimer (970) 380-6041 or [weimer3138@gmail.com](mailto:weimer3138@gmail.com).

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**Prayer Chain Communications**

We use our Prayer Chain for prayer items and for communicating pertinent information. If you would like to receive Prayer Chain emails then please give your email address to Pastor Tolson.

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**Offerings**

Thank you so very much for your faithful giving. Offerings can be mailed to the church or given online at [www.iechurch.org](http://www.iechurch.org).