

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements



Greeting One Another

John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

HYMN 214 ~ GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN, REJOICE

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass 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 oped the heav'nly door, and man is blessed forevermore.
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!

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 (1, 4)

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.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen*

Giving to the Lord

HYMN 185 ~ EMMANUEL

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

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Communion

HYMN 222 ~ A COMMUNION HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS (1)

Gathered 'round Your table on this holy eve,
Viewing Bethlehem's stable we rejoice and grieve;
Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed,
Weep to see You dying in our sinful stead.

HYMN 222 ~ A COMMUNION HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS (2)

Prince of Glory, gracing Heav'n ere time began,
Now for us embracing death as Son of Man;
By Your birth so lowly, by Your love so true,
By Your cross most holy, Lord, we worship You!

HYMN 222 ~ A COMMUNION HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS (3-5)

Bethlehem's Incarnation, Calvary's bitter cross,
Wrought for us salvation by Your pain and loss;
Now we fall before You in this holy place,
Prostrate we adore You, for Your gift of grace.

With profoundest wonder we Your body take -
Laid in manger yonder, broken for our sake;
Hushed in adoration we approach the cup -
Bethlehem's pure oblation freely offered up.

Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame,
How shall sinners render praises due Your name?
Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring;
In Your ransomed treasure reign forever King!

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God's Great Gift

John 3:16

I. GOD'S LOVE

- A. His Love is Unconditional
- B. His Love is Limitless
- C. His Love is Inexhaustible

II. GOD'S GIFT

- A. His Motivation
- B. His Move
 - 1. *The Giver*
 - 2. *The Price*
 - a. *Is Matchless*
 - b. *Is Marvelous*

III. GOD'S PURPOSE

- A. The Purpose of God's Love
- B. The People of God's Love
- C. The Profession of God's Love
 - 1. *Is Personal*
 - 2. *Is Practical*
 - 3. *Is Progressive*
- D. The Person of God's Love

IV. GOD'S PROMISE

- A. A Price to be Paid
- B. A Present to be Possessed
 - 1. *A Personal Possession*
 - 2. *A Priceless Possession*
 - 3. *A Practical Possession*

HYMN 195 ~ O HOLY NIGHT (1, 3)

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices;
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love, and His gospel is peace;
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His Name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name!
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!
His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Announcements

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

This morning, we will celebrate Communion as we also celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise Team Rehearsal: *December 28, 7:00 pm*

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

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

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

Men's Fellowship: *January 4, 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.

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 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more details, contact Arlene Weimer (970) 380-6041 or weimer3138@gmail.com.

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.

Offerings

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