

DECEMBER 4, 2022

*Prelude*

*Welcome & Announcements*

*Greeting One Another*

*Ephesians 5:8–10*

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light  
consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)  
and find out what pleases the Lord.*

**HYMN 199 ~ IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR (1, 2, 4)**

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old;  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold.  
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's all gracious King!”  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.  
Still thro' the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats, o'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing;  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.  
For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old;  
When, with the ever-circling years,  
Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heaven and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And the whole world sends back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

**HYMN 197 ~ WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS (1-3)**

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around, and glory shone around.  
“Fear not!” said he; for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind,  
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind, to you and all mankind.”  
“To you, in David's town this day,  
Is born of David's line,  
The Savior who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign: and this shall be the sign:”



## *Prayer*

### **HYMN 197 ~ WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS (4-5)**

“The heav’nly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid; and in a manger laid.

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace:  
Good will hence forth from heav’n to men,  
Begin and never cease, begin and never cease.”

### **HYMN 200 ~ O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM (1, 2, 4)**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years,  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above;  
While mortals sleep the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O, morning stars together proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth.

O, holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell;  
O, come to us abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

### **HYMN 202 ~ WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (1, 3)**

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.***

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

## ***Giving to the Lord***

HYMN 201 ~ THE STAR CAROL (1, 3)

Long years ago on a deep winter night,  
High in the heavens a star shone bright,  
While in a manger a wee Baby lay,  
Sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.

Dear Baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art,  
I'll make a place for Thee in my heart,  
And when the stars in the heavens I see,  
Ever and always I'll think of Thee.

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## ***Prayer***

# Finding God's Favor

*Luke 1:26-38*

## ***I. THE DETAILS OF GOD'S WORKING (1:26-27)***

- A. When (26<sup>a</sup>)
- B. Who (26<sup>b</sup>)
- C. Where (26<sup>c</sup>)
- D. Whom (27)

## ***II. THE DELIVERY OF GOD'S WORD (1:28-33)***

- A. The Greeting (28-29)
  - 1. *Great Favor (28)*
  - 2. *Greatly Troubled (29)*
- B. The Good News (30-33)
  - 1. *God's Grace (30)*
  - 2. *God's Gift (31-33)*
    - a. *Mary's Son (31)*
    - b. *God's Son (32-33)*

## ***III. THE DILEMMA OF GOD'S WILL (1:34-38)***

- A. The Dilemma is Acknowledged (34)
- B. The Dilemma is Answered (35-37)
  - 1. *God's Presence (35<sup>a</sup>)*
  - 2. *God's Power (35<sup>b</sup>)*
  - 3. *God's Activity (36)*
  - 4. *God's Ability (37)*
- C. The Dilemma is Accepted (38)
  - 1. *Mary's Character (38<sup>a</sup>)*
  - 2. *Mary's Courage (38<sup>b</sup>)*

## HYMN 146 ~ SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings;  
I see glory on each face,  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
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## *Announcements*

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### **Men's Fellowship:** *December 7, 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 6:13.

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### **Heavenly Heartbeats:** *December 7, 5:30 pm*

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

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### **Praise Team Rehearsal:** *December 7, 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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### **No Board Meeting:** *December 12*

The Church Board does not plan to meet this month.

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

We are working on the Christmas Eve Service, so if you have a song to sing then please let Cindy Lind know.

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

Following the Christmas Eve Service on December 18, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas cookies and goodies.

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

Our Christmas Communion Service will be on Sunday, December 25.

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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).