

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Romans 5:8

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

HYMN 376 ~ ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD? (1, 3, 4)

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

***Are you washed in the blood,
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?
Are your garments spotless?
Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?***

When the Bridegroom cometh, will your robes be white,
Pure and white in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your souls be ready for the mansions bright
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb.
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean;
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

PRAYER

HYMN 371 ~ REACH OUT TO JESUS

Is your burden heavy, as you bear it all alone?
Does the road you travel, harbor danger yet unknown?
Are you growing weary, in the struggle of it all?
Jesus will help you, when on His name you call.

***He is always there, hearing ev'ry prayer, faithful and true,
Walking by our side in His love we hide, all the day through.
When you get discouraged, just remember what to do.
Reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you.***

Is the life you're living, filled with sorrow and despair?
Does the future press you, with its worry and its care?
Are you tired and friendless, have you almost lost your way?
Jesus, will help you, just come to Him today.

**He is always there, hearing ev'ry prayer, faithful and true,
Walking by our side in His love we hide, all the day through.
When you get discouraged, just remember what to do.
Reach out to Jesus, He's reaching out to you.**

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HYMN 367 ~ FILL MY CUP, LORD (1, 3)

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
“Draw from my well that never shall run dry.”

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

So, my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away.
My blessed Lord will come and save you
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray.

**Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.**

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HYMN 448 ~ HIGHER GROUND (1, 3, 4)

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

I want to live above the world, though Satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground.

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

I want to scale the utmost height, and catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found, “Lord, lead me on to higher ground.”

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

Giving to the Lord

Offertory

Prayer

LOOKING FOR JESUS

Matthew 1:18-25

I. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS BIRTH (1:18-19)

A. The Details (18a)

B. The Dilemma (18b)

1. *The Pledge*

2. *The Problem*

C. The Decision (19)

1. *Righteous*

2. *Respectful*

II. THE CLARIFICATION ABOUT HIS BIRTH (1:20-23)

A. The Angelic Appearance (20a)

1. *The Agony*

2. *The Angel*

B. The Angelic Announcement (20b-21)

C. The Accurate Attestation (22-23)

III. THE COMPLIANCE FOR HIS BIRTH (1:24-25)

A. Providing for Mary (24)

B. Protecting the Son (25a)

HYMN 463 ~ SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY (1-2)

A pilgrim was I and a-wand'ring,
In the cold night of sin I did roam,
When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me,
And now I am on my way home.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.**

He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,
He giveth me strength day by day;
He leads me beside the still waters,
He guards me each step of the way.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.**

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Announcements

Diaper Shower: *February 25*

We are planning a Diaper Shower for Bill and Deb Riter's granddaughter, Amanda Knox. She delivered twins on February 3: a daughter, Claire Madeline (5 lbs. 15.4 oz.) and a son, Carson James (5 lbs. 12.1 oz). Please bring diapers to the church or money to Debra Tolson on February 25.

Men's Fellowship: *February 28, 7:00 am*

Men's Fellowship meets on Wednesday mornings at the church in the Fellowship Hall. We meet at 7:00 a.m. and are continuing our discussion with Colossians 1:15.

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

The Praise Team plans to rehearse this Wednesday evening.

Heavenly Heartbeats: *March 6, 5:30 pm*

Our women's Bible study will meet Wednesday evening, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. We are studying the attributes of God using Jerry Bridges book and Bible study *Trusting God*.

Home Bible Study: *March 8, 5:30 pm*

The Home Bible Study will meet again on March 8 at 5:30 p.m. For the winter months we have decided to meet at the church. We are in Session 10 of "Conformed to His Image."

Peru Mission Trip: *June 23-30*

This year's Peru Missions Trip will be June 23-30 in Cusco and focuses on church planting. The estimated cost is \$3400 and is all-inclusive. Please see Pastor Tolson if you have an interest in helping with this ministry. Presently we have six to eight individuals that are interested.

Offerings

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