

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:1-2

Leader: *I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things You have done. I will be filled with joy because of You. I will sing praises to Your name, O Most High.*

✠**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;
Earth and heaven before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
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 opened heaven's door,
And man is blessed evermore.
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!

✠**Invocation**

Reading of the Law

The 1st Commandment

Leader: *Thou shalt have no other gods. What does this mean?*

People: We should fear and love God, and trust in Him, above all things. (Luther's Small Catechism)

God Rest You Merry, Gentleman

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay!
Remember, Christ, our Saviour

✠Those who are able, please stand.

Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:

*O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name:

Fear not then, said the Angel,
Let nothing you affright;
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might:

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks afeeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind;
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Son of God to find:

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Leader: *The grass withers and the flowers fade,
People:* But the Word of our God remains forever.

Prayer

✠**Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight,

Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing
Alleluias to our King;
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

New Testament Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: *Man shall not live by bread alone,
People:* But by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Sermon

Rev. Bud Griffith

Recapturing the Glory and Wonder of Christmas: The Birth and Reign of the Prince of Peace

✠**Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠**Go Tell it on the Mountain**

*Go, tell it on the mountain.
Over the hills, and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.*

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shown a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

✠**Benediction**

Announcements

The Womens Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 10-11:30 am at the church. *Rejoicing in Christ* by Michael Reeves is the study this fall. Contact Deb Redding at dkredding@verizon.net for further information.

The Tuesday Morning Study Group will meet the 3rd and 17th in December to continue the *Life of Peter* series.

Sunday School: Reason to Believe Do Christians Have Good Answers for the Really Tough Questions? Dr. R.C. Sproul believes they do. In this unique book, he deals with the most common objections to the truths of the Christian faith, including: Has science disproved the existence of God? Will non-Christians who never hear of Christ go to hell? Is it narrow-minded and bigoted to believe Christ is only one way to God? Isn't Christianity just a crutch for people who can't handle life's pressures? How does the church explain all its hypocrites? Reason to Believe is a superb resource for those in visitation and calling programs, and a must for anyone who wants to do more than scratch the surface of Christian truths. The books are on the back table.

Wonderful Wednesday Dinner.

Home Care Groups! If you are interested in being part of a Home Group signup on the sheet on the back table.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. See Deon Louw.

Greer Community Ministries: Our focus for 2024 is canned chicken and fish. We will of course accept other nonperishable items but that's our main focus for the year. Thank you for your generosity!

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers

Please pray for our missionaries. Calvary Home for Children; Frontline Missions India (George); Frontline Missions China (Hansen); Miracle Hill; Peru Missions; Christians Teaching Christians

Opportunities for worship, edification and fellowship:

- Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Bible Study and Fellowship, meets the first and third Monday morning of the month at the church. See Deb Redding for details.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. The last Tuesday of each month is set aside for a time of fellowship and we go to breakfast or lunch. See Doug Redding for details.
- Wonderful Wednesday Dinner meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the church.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m. See Tom Pratt for details.



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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Season of Advent

*December 08, 2024
10:30 a.m.*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

