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Christmas Day

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The Light
SHINES
in the darkness...



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✦ Order of Service ✦

P Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

C We have seen His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN: WS #708

“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

♪ Oh, come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, Oh, Come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him, born the King of angels. Oh, come, let us adore Him...

P The Lord be with you!

C And with your spirit!

P As the Lord Jesus once came in love and great poverty to be born in a manger in Bethlehem,

C So now He comes to us in the richness of His Word.

♪ God of God, Light of Light, Born of a virgin to earth He comes, Very God, Begotten, not created. Oh, come, let us adore Him...

P As Jesus once came from heaven to earth to live with people,

C So now He comes in the Word, to give the light of the Spirit.

P As He came to heal, to forgive, and to save,

C So now He comes to give us the same blessings of His love.

P Let us praise the great name of the Lord.

C Let us sing with our hearts the great songs of His Word.

♪ Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above. Glory to God, in the highest. Oh, come, let us adore...

P Let us now celebrate His birth.

C And tell of His coming to the ends of the earth.

P Amen!

C Let it be so. Amen!

♪ Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n. Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing. Oh, come let us adore Him...

- P** Unto us a Child is born.
- C** Oh, come, let us worship Him!
- P** When the time was fully come, God sent forth his Son.
- C** Jesus was born to be our Redeemer.
- P** The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
- C** We have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.
- P** No one has ever seen God.
- C** By faith we see Jesus, the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- P** He is the very image of God;
- C** All the fullness of God dwells in Him bodily.
- P** You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- C** Let us go and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.



HYMN: WS #707 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

SERMON – John 1:4-5 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A Little Dab of Yellow

RESPONSE: TLH #88:2-4 "This Night a Wondrous Revelation"

- C** ♪ *The Sun of Grace for thee is beaming; Rejoice, my soul, in Jesus' birth! The light from yonder manger streaming Sends forth its rays o'er all the earth. It drives the night of sin away And turns our darkness into day.*

This light, which all thy gloom can banish, The bliss of heaven glorifies; When sun and moon and stars shall vanish, Its rays shall still illumine the skies. This light through all eternity Thy heaven and all to thee shall be.

O Jesus, precious Sun of Gladness, Fill Thou-my soul with light, I pray. Dispel the gloomy night of sadness And teach Thou me this Christmas Day How I a child of light may be, Aglow with light that comes from Thee.

The Old Testament Tells Us...

Isaiah 7:14; 9:2,6

Men: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Women: "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The New Testament Tells Us...

Matthew 1:18-23

Men: "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit."

Women: "Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly."

Men: "But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, `Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.'"

Women: "'And she will bring forth a Son and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from his sins.'"

Men: "Now all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: `Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,' which is translated, `God with us.'"

HYMN

"Oh, Come, Little Children"

C ♪ *Oh, come, little children, O come one and all, To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small, God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night To be your Redeemer, your Joy and Delight.*

He's born in a stable for you and for me, Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see, In swaddling clothes lying, so meek and so mild And purer than angels, the heavenly Child.

continued...

- C** *♪ Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today, Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they, Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast And join in the song of the heavenly host.*

Congregation Together:

Luke 2:1-7

- C** And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



HYMN: WS #712

"What Child is This"

Congregation Together:

Luke 2:8-14

- C** Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. "And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

- ♩ *The first noel the angels did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay—In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*



Congregation Together:

Luke 2:15-20

- So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Jesus' message to you...

Acts 1:8-11

Men: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Women: Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Men: And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said:



Women: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:***OFFERING HYMN: TLH #108:1,6 "We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise"**

C ♪ *We sing, Immanuel, Thy praise, Thou Prince of Life and Fount of grace, Thou Flower of heaven and Star of morn, Thou Lord of lords, Thou Virgin-born. Hallelujah!*

*I have the will, the power is weak; Yet, Lord, my humble offering take
And graciously the love receive Which my poor heart to Thee can give.
Hallelujah!*

RESPONSIVE LORD'S PRAYER

P Our Father, who art in Heaven...

C On this Christmas day we thank and praise You for Your Fatherly love that has and continues to comfort our lives with the joy that we have as Your dear children.

P Hallowed be Thy name...

C On this Christmas day we worship and praise Your most holy name. For as You have reminded us that every knee will bow when You send Your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ to return for the Judgment of the world.

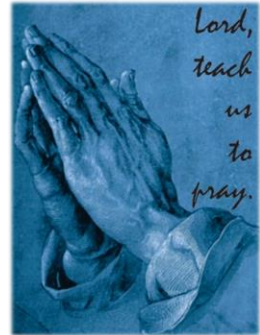
P Thy Kingdom come...

C On this Christmas day we also pray, oh Lord, that Your kingdom would come not only to believers in Your Word, but to all who hear Your saving Gospel message that speaks of the birth and redemptive work of our Savior.

P Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

C On this Christmas day we pause again, knowing that Your will is always better than our own will; that Your plan is always better than our own plan. Therefore, we ask that You alone would continue to direct our lives and help us always to follow You above everything else.

P Give us this day our daily bread...



C On this Christmas day we remember all the physical blessings that You have provided for us throughout our lives. You have given us food and clothing—with these help us always to be content.

P And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

C On this Christmas day we thank You LORD for canceling the debt of our sins. We know we are undeserving of Your love and mercy. But we ask that You would continually remind us of Your mercy so that we too may show that same mercy and forgiveness to all people.

P And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

C On this Christmas day also the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh will continue to try to rob us of the greatest gift that we have ever been given – our salvation in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we pray that you would help us to resist every temptation and that You would guard and protect our souls from the evil of this world... For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #87

“Joy to the World!”



WELCOME to all, especially to our guests and visitors. It is our prayer that today's Christmas

message will work in your heart and strengthen God's gift of faith that trusts in His greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ, His Son and our Savior. Please join us for our regular Sunday 10:15 am worship to help you carry the joy and peace of Christmas all year round!