

Christmas Sunday, December 25, 2011
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

Announcements and *Welcome!

- We welcome you to our service today! It is a blessing when God's people gather to worship Him in spirit and truth! We trust those visiting for the first time will sense our desire to follow a pattern of worship derived from God's word; the priorities of which are outlined in this order of worship. Bibles are available for each service; located on our Guest Book table. A "welcome package" has also been prepared for our first time visitors.
- Each Sunday we participate in a sacrament instituted by Christ to express our communion with him, one another, and to remember Gospel truths. When coming to the Lord's Table, participants are stating that they are baptized believers and active members, in 'good standing,' with a creed confessing church acknowledging Christ alone as the savior of sinners. The sacraments teach us to "see & sense" the promises of Christ.
- We encourage "family worship." Families with young children who practice this at home are welcome to stay for the service. Above all, this time is set apart to focus attention upon God's attributes and actions! Please be sensitive to "distractions" by utilizing our "childcare room" which is staffed by volunteers each Sunday.
- May God be glorified and honored in all that we do in His name today!

Preparation for Worship with Prayer and Songs of Ascent

***Opening Hymn – Once in Royal David's City # 225**

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

*He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.*

And through all His wondrous childhood, he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden, in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be, mild, obedient, good as he.

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on to the place where he is gone.*

***Call to Worship**

Jeremiah 23:5

Elder – Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up
for David a righteous Branch,

All – And he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute
justice and righteousness in the land.

***Confession and Cleansing**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Sovereign God, according to Your grace, we rejoice in the truth.

Therefore, we are mindful of our moral failures and our want of keeping
Your holy law. The good that we desire to do, we don't. The sins which
are shameful, we do. O Lord, have mercy upon us! Forgive all Your saints
who confess their transgressions. Restore us on account of the forgiveness
we have in Jesus Christ. Give us ready hearts and hands to live holy lives
which You have established by the righteous rule of David's true Son, who
is the King of Your church and our Savior!

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Praise Song – Joy to the World! # 195

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 heav'n, and heav'n 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!

No more let sins and sorrows 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!

Consecration by the Word

Old Testament Law – Genesis 49:8 – 12

(Jacob pronounces a blessing over his fourth son, Judah, who is the ancestor of King David.)

Old Testament Prophet – Isaiah 11:1 – 10

("There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse...")

Reader – The words of the Lord. **Congregation** – Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 80:14 – 19

(Christmas)

Again O Lord of Hosts, look down; from heaven see Your vine.
Uphold in Your right hand, this plant,
The son You've raised in strength, the son You've raised in strength.

*Though burned with fire and cut far down, they perish in Your way,
May Your right hand raise up the man,
The son You've raised in strength, the son You've raised in strength.*

Then we shall not turn back from You; we'll call upon Your name,
Restore us Lord, O God of Hosts,
That we might all be saved, that we might all be saved.

New Testament Gospel – Luke 1:26 – 33

(Mary's betrothed, Joseph, was from the House of David.)

New Testament Epistle – Revelation 22:14 – 21

("I, Jesus... I am the root and the descendant of David...")

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***Song – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence # 193**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heav'nly food.*

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Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way.
As the Light of Light descendeth, from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

Sermon: "Salvation That Is In Christ"

(Message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach; Text: 2 Timothy 2:1–10)

Coming Together as the Church

Elder's Response & Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten
of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of
Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by
whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came
down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right
hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the
quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we
believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

*[Please pass the offering baskets through your section toward the back. If you have a special prayer
request, please fill out a prayer card (available at the entry table) and place it in the offering basket.
Thank you.]*

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Communion Through the Sacraments

Song of Preparation –

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*King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heav'nly food.*

Sacrament of The Lord's Table

*The presiding minister will give direction for participation in this meal.
{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}*

Commissioning of the Church

***Closing Prayer & Song of Simeon, Benediction & 3-fold Amen**

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.

*This is the savior of the world, the nations' promised light.
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel!*

*Those who are able, please stand.

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