

# **WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH – 10:15AM**

## ***Jesus: Our Peace***

**Welcome:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He came to us to bring us peace. We examined and exalted this reality last week through our Christmas Program and message from Ephesians 2:11-22. Today we will continue that this theme and passage and will explore what this peace means for believers' relationship with one another.

**Scriptural Call to Worship:** Luke 2:8-14 [Pastor Bernie]

*<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"* [d]

**Congregational Song:** Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation:  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for every nation.  
Not with fanfares from above,  
Not with scenes of glory.  
But a humble gift of love:  
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky  
With the songs of angels,  
As the mighty Prince of Life  
Shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place,  
Shaped the earth in darkness,  
Cling now to a mother's breast,  
Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophecy the story.  
Gold, a King is born today,  
Incense, God is with us,

Myrrh, His death will make a way,  
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,  
Given as a ransom,  
Reconciling God and man,  
Christ our mighty Champion.  
What a Saviour, what a Friend,  
What a glorious mystery:  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of history.

**Congregational Song:** Angels we have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heav'nly song?

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Scripture's Testimony on the Source of Peace:** Psalm 85 [*Pastor Steve*]

*Lord, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.*

<sup>2</sup> *You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin. Selah*

<sup>3</sup> *You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.*

<sup>4</sup> *Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!*

<sup>5</sup> *Will you be angry with us forever?*

- Will you prolong your anger to all generations?*  
<sup>6</sup> *Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?*  
<sup>7</sup> *Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.*
- <sup>8</sup> *Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.*  
<sup>9</sup> *Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.*
- <sup>10</sup> *Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.*  
<sup>11</sup> *Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.*  
<sup>12</sup> *Yes, the Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.*  
<sup>13</sup> *Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.*

**Pastoral Prayer: For the application of the peace of Christ** [*Pastor Steve*]

**Congregational Song: The First Noel**

The first Noel the angel 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.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught  
And with His blood mankind hath brought

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.*

**Solo:** All is Well [*Micah Swedeen*]

All is well all is well  
Angels and men rejoice  
For tonight darkness fell  
Into the dawn of love's light  
Sing Ale - Sing Alleluia

All is well all is well  
Let there be peace on earth  
Christ's come go and tell  
That He is in the manger  
Sing Ale - Sing Alleluia

All is well all is well  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Born is now Emmanuel  
Born is our Lord and Savior  
Sing Alleluia Sing Alleluia  
All is well

Born is now Emmanuel  
Born is our Lord and Savior  
Sing Alleluia Sing Alleluia  
All is well

### **Children 3 Yr. - K5 dismissed to Junior Church**

**Message:** Jesus Our Peace – Ephesians 2:11-22 [*Pastor Steve*]

*<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,<sup>[d]</sup> but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by<sup>[e]</sup> the Spirit.*

**Response: Personal Meditation & Prayer**

**Closing Announcements:** [*Pastor Steve*]

Candlelight Service – 6:00-7:00pm in gymnasium

Adult Sunday School: 2022

January 2<sup>nd</sup> - February 6<sup>th</sup>

- Teens & 40's-50's in auditorium with teacher, Tim Floyd
- Young married in room 207 with teacher, Bernie Boldt
- Gems in room 106 with teacher, Steve Brower

New Year's Eve Event – December 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00pm