

# **WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH – 10:15AM**

## ***Christmas & Sovereignty of God***

**Welcome:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Today we will exalt the sovereignty of God in all things, and specifically His Sovereignty in coming to us in the flesh. The message will focus on the Sovereignty of God.

**Scriptural Call to Worship:** Gal 4:1-7 [Pastor Bernie]

*I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave,<sup>[a]</sup> though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles<sup>[b]</sup> of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

**Congregational Song:** Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious, Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven

Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay, the Invincible  
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son  
O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall  
Grace and majesty, what humility  
Come on bended knee, adore Him

Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads, for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark  
Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive, let the gospel ring  
God has made a way, He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus

**Congregational Song:** The Birthday of a King

In the little village of Bethlehem,  
There lay a Child one day,  
And the sky was bright with a holy light  
O'er the place where Jesus lay.

*Alleluia! O how the angels sang.  
Alleluia! How it rang!  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'Twas the birthday of a King.*

'Twas a humble birth-place, but O how much  
God gave to us that day,  
From the manger bed what a path has led,  
What a perfect, holy way.

*Alleluia! O how the angels sang.  
Alleluia! How it rang!  
And the sky was bright with a holy light,  
'Twas the birthday of a King.*

### **Scripture's prophecy and perfect fulfilment of Jesus' coming: [Ryan Strickland]**

His birth was prophesied and perfectly fulfilled (Gen 3:15 & Gal 4:4)

#### **Genesis 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> *I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring<sup>[e]</sup> and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."*

#### **Galatians 4:4**

<sup>4</sup> *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,*

His place of birth, Bethlehem, was prophesied and perfectly fulfilled (Micah 5:2; Luke 2:10)

#### **Micah 5:2**

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.*

#### **Luke 2:10**

<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.*

His name and virgin birth were prophesied and perfectly fulfilled (Is 7:14; Matt 1:24-25)

**Isaiah 7:14**

*<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

**Matthew 1:24-25**

*<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.*

His forerunner was prophesied and perfectly fulfilled (Isaiah 40:3; John 1:6-8)

**Isaiah 40:3**

*A voice cries:*

*“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

**John 1:6-8**

*<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.*

**Prayer of Thanks to God:** [Ryan Strickland]

**Congregational Song:** Once in Royal David's City

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 our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that child, so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heav'n above,  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

**Solo:** Noel [Char Horner]

Love incarnate, love divine  
Star and angels gave the sign  
Bow to babe on bended knee

The Savior of humanity  
Unto us a Child is born  
He shall reign forevermore

Noel, Noel  
Come and see what God has done  
Noel, Noel  
The story of amazing love!  
The light of the world, given for us  
Noel

Son of God and Son of man  
There before the world began  
Born to suffer, born to save  
Born to raise us from the grave  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
He shall reign forevermore

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

**Message:** *[Pastor Bernie]*

**Song of Response:** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just to take Him at His Word  
Just to rest upon His promise,  
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!*

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,  
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend

And I know that He is with me,  
Will be with me to the end.

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!*

**Closing Announcements:** *[Pastor Joel]*

No Wednesday Night Activities this week

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

Zajicek-Grobeman Wedding – January 1<sup>st</sup>

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 206 with teacher, Steve Brower