

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY DECEMBER 27TH – 10:15AM

Theme: Angelic Look at Christmas

Welcome: *[Pastor Bernie]*

- Today we want to **celebrate the blessings of Christmas**
- And we want to **contemplate Christmas from the perspective of the angels.**

CELEBRATE THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

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 Christmas Blessings: *[Pastor Bernie]*

CONTEMPLATE THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE ANGELS

Scripture reading on the ministry of angels and the superiority of Jesus: Hebrews 1 *[Pastor Joel]*

Hebrews 1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?*

Or again,

*“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?*

⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

⁷ Of the angels he says,

*“He makes his angels winds,
and his ministers a flame of fire.”*

⁸ But of the Son he says,

*“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.*

⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

*therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”*

¹⁰ And,

*“You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;*

*¹¹ they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,*

*¹² like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.^[a]*

But you are the same,

and your years will have no end.”

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said,

*“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?*

¹⁴ Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Congregational Song: #272 - While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched
Their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around
And glory shone around

“Fear not,” he said,
For mighty dread

Had seized their troubled minds
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind,
To you and all mankind.”

“To you in David’s
Town this day
Is born of David’s line
The Savior who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign
And this shall be the sign.”

“The heavenly Babe
You there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped
In swathing bands
And in a manger laid
And in a manger laid.”

“All glory be to
God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth
From heaven to men
Begin and never cease
Begin and never cease!”

Congregational Song: #259 - Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story,
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth:
Come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light;
Come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,

In His temple shall appear:
Come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Kids 3-K5 Dismissed to Junior Church

Message: *Angelic Look at Christmas – Luke 2:8-14 [Pastor Joel]*

*⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

Closing Congregational Song: #277 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th’ incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”
Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,

born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”

Closing Announcements: *[Pastor Bernie]*