

WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM — December 10th, 2023 – 10:15am

Longing For Christ

Welcome: [Pastor Steve]

- Service Focus: Today we want to consider how we should long for Christ. We'll do this by looking back at those that waited for Jesus prior to His first coming.
- Building Update Today: Around approximately 10:45am after the message, we'll dismiss kids and anyone else who does not want to stay for the building update.
- Worship Theme: As we worship Christ together, let us both adore and long for Him.

ADORING JESUS

Congregational Song: O Come All Ye Faithful [Sing stanzas]

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

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!

O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Congregational Song: Joyful Joyful We Adore You [Sing both stanzas]

Joyful joyful we adore You
God of glory Lord of light
Angels lifting praise before You

Sing throughout this holy night
In a manger lies a baby
Child of Mary Son of God
Voices joined in joyful chorus
Praise You for Your gift of love

All Your works declare Your glory
All creation joins to sing
Praise resounds as earth rejoices
In the birth of Christ the King
Shepherds kneel before the Infant
Trumpets sound and anthems raise
As with joy our hearts are lifted
Joined in wonder love and praise

Congregational Song: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly [Sing both stanzas]

Infant holy, infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
oxen lowing, little knowing
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping
vigil till the morning new
saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of the gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you;
Christ the babe was born for you.

ANTICIPATING JESUS

Scripture: Luke 2:25-38 [Pastor Bernie]

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant^[e] depart in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation
³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”
³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon
blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall
and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed³⁵ (and a sword will pierce
through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”
³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she
was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.^[f] She did not depart
from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up
at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who
were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Congregational Song: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus [Sing both stanzas]

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Message: Longing for Jesus [Pastor Steve]

Dismiss Children 3yr-6th Grade During Congregational Song

Congregational Song: I Will Sing of My Redeemer [Sing 2 Stanzas]

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered,

from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will sing of my Redeemer
and his heavenly love for me;
He from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

BUILDING UPDATE

Update:

Discussion:

Prayer:

CLOSING

Announcements: [Pastor Steve]

Today:

- Choir Practice at 4:00pm
- Christmas Caroling at 6:00pm

Saturday, December 16th at 4:00pm - FBC Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 17th

- 8:45-9:45am - Coffee and Donut Fellowship (No Sunday School)
- 10:15am - Worship Service and Baptisms
- No PM Service

Wednesday, December 20th & 27th - No Wednesday Night Activities

Sunday, December 24th

- No Sunday School
- Worship Service at 10:15am
- Candlelight Service at 6:00pm

Sunday, December 31st

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:15am Worship Service
- PM Christmas Eve Event