

# WORSHIP GUIDE: SUNDAY AM — December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 10:15am

## *Glory to Christ*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Bernie]

- Today, in both the morning and evening services, we celebrate the birth of Christ.
- This morning we will sing and read Scripture regarding the Birth of our Savior. This evening we have our candlelight service at 6:00. At that service we will gather for singing of many Christmas carols and worshipping Christ together.

### **GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING**

**Congregational Song:** Hark! the Herald Angels Sing [Sing 3 stanzas]

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn 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 newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest Heav’n 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 newborn King!”*

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n 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 them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

**Congregational Song:** Joy has Dawned [Sing all 4 stanzas]

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 Savior, what a Friend,  
What a glorious mystery:  
Once a babe in Bethlehem,  
Now the Lord of history.

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed,<sup>[b]</sup> who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.<sup>[c]</sup>*

*<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!"<sup>[d]</sup>*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

## **GLORY TO CHRIST, THE KING**

**Congregational Song:** Angels We Have Heard on High [Sing 4 stanzas]

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.*

**Congregational Song:** What Child is This? [Sing 2 stanzas]

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

**Dismiss Children 3yr-K5**

**Message:** [Pastor Steve]

**Congregational Song:** Who is He in Yonder Stall? [Sing 1,2, chorus, 3,4, chorus, 5 chorus]

Who is He in yonder stall,  
At whose feet the shepherds fall?  
Who is He in deep distress,  
Fasting in the wilderness?

Who is He the people bless  
For His words of gentleness?  
Who is He to whom they bring  
All the sick and sorrowing?

*'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall,  
Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!*

Who is He that stands and weeps  
At the grave where Laz'rus sleeps?  
Who is He the gath'ring throng  
Greet with loud triumphant song?

Lo! at midnight, who is He  
Prays in dark Gethsemane?  
Who is He on yonder tree  
Dies in grief and agony?

*'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall,  
Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!*

Who is He that from the grave  
Comes to heal and help and save?  
Who is He that from His throne  
Rules through all the world alone?

*'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story!  
'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!  
At His feet we humbly fall,  
Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all!*

**Announcements:** [Pastor Steve]

- Tonight - Evening Candlelight Service at 6:00pm
- No midweek services this week
- Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 9:00am Sunday School
  - 10:15am Worship Service
  - 6:00pm New Year's Eve event.
- Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – be in prayer for the vote regarding the building.
- Merry Christmas!