

# WORSHIP GUIDE – Sunday AM, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 10:15am

## *Redemption on Display*

**Welcome:** [Pastor Steve]

- Scripture Focus: Today we start a Christmas Advent sermon series called, “The Messiah’s Family Tree.”
  - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Tracing Redemption (grace, mercy, sovereignty)
  - Dec 11<sup>th</sup> - Siblings – Jesus physical siblings
  - Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - Commitment – John the Baptist
  - Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Adoption – Spiritual Siblings
- Service Focus:
  - Remember the Savior who was promised to come
  - Rejoice in the Savior who came

### **REMEMBER THE SAVIOR WHO WAS PROMISED TO COME**

**Congregational Song:** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

**Congregational Song:** O Come O Come Emanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!  
From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night  
and turn our darkness into light.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

**Scripture Reading:** Promises of the Messiah in Hindsight [Pastor Bernie]

- The promise to Abraham - Genesis 22:17-18

<sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his<sup>[d]</sup> enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

- An expanded promise to David - II Samuel 7:12-13

<sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

- More clarity is given in Jeremiah- Jeremiah 23:5-6

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

- The focus is expanded to include the people of the coming king - Ezekiel 34:23-24

<sup>22</sup> I will rescue<sup>[b]</sup> my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

- Paul clarifies this redemption in Galatians - Galatians 4:4-5

<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.

- An echo of the comfort and hope is offered in Isaiah- Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:

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

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

- The promises brought to reality in Luke - Luke 2:10-11

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.

## **REJOICE IN THE SAVIOR WHO CAME**

**Congregational Song:** Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come

Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

**Congregational Song:** Jesus Strong and Kind

Jesus said that if I thirst  
I should come to Him  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak  
I should come to Him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said that if I fear  
I should come to Him

No one else can be my shield  
I should come to Him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said, if I am lost  
He will come to me  
And He showed me on that cross  
He will come to me

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind*

### **Children 3yr -6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dismissed to Junior Church**

**Message:** The Messiah's Family Tree: Redemption on Display [Pastor Steve]

**Congregational Response:** Personal prayer time while instruments play, Jesus Strong & Kind.

**Closing Announcements:** [Pastor Steve]

- Today
  - Christmas Program Practice immediately following this service up in the auditorium.
  - Teen Christmas Party tonight from 5:30-8:00pm at the church.
- Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Gems Christmas Event
- Next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Christmas Coffee & Donuts from 8:45 - 9:45am
  - Remember that the service that day will have an evangelistic gospel focus, so utilize this special service to invite someone within your relational reach.
  - Our special Christmas Service entitled “Behold” will be at 10:15am

**Closing Prayer:** [Pastor Steve]