

THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

December 6, 2009

Judges 13:17f "And Manoah said to the Angel of the Lord, 'What is your name, so that when your words come to pass, we may honor you?' But the Angel of the Lord said to him, 'Why do you ask my name, seeing it is Wonderful?'... And He performed Wonders while Manoah and his wife looked on...the Angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar...they fell on their faces to the ground... Manoah said to his wife, 'We will surely die, for we have seen God.'"

PRELUDE

WELCOME, INVOCATION, & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Hymns & Songs

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, & Confession

Scriptures

❖ *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Hymn #203

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 the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the God-head 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."

❖ *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen* Hymn #211

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing
you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on
Christmas day, to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray;

(Refrain)

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name. *(Refrain)*

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing
you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure
virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might." *(Refrain)*

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much
in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm
and wind: and went to Bethlehem straight-way,
the Son of God to find. *(Refrain)*

(Congregation may be seated.)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn #194

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

(Refrain)

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

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. *(Refrain)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse,
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Refrain)*

O come, thou Key of David,
come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *(Refrain)*

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Hymn #229

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the Undeified, to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior!
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

Angels sang about his birth, wise men sought and
found him; heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him. Shepherds saw the
wondrous sight, heard the angels singing: all the plains
were lit that night, all the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
he is still the Undeified, but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 John 1:8-9)

'If we say that we have no sin,
we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.'

SCRIPTURE READING: *John 1:1-14*

MISSIONS UPDATE, Pastor Bryan Wright PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

DECLARATION OF FAITH: *THE APOSTLES' CREED* (Page 845)

OFFERING

❖ *Doxology*

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SONG OF PREPARATION

(Children 10 and under come forward during last verse for the Children's Message.)

❖ *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks . . . Hymn #223*

PREACHING OF THE WORD Pastor Bryan Wright

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Judges 13:1-25

"Advent & the Angel of the Lord I"

SONG OF RESPONSE

❖ *How Great our Joy Hymn #215*
also called 'While by the Sheep We Watched at Night'

BENEDICTION

Pastor Bryan Wright

POSTLUDE

❖ If you are able, you are invited to stand.