

# THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

December 21, 2008

*I John 1:1f 'What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we held and our hand handled concerning The Word of The Life—...The Eternal Life which was with the Father and was manifested to us... we proclaim to you also that you may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write so that our joy may be made complete.'*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME, INVOCATION, & CALL TO WORSHIP

## PRAISE & PRAYERS

Hymns & Songs

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, & Confession

Scriptures

### ❖ *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* . . . . . Hymn #218

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:

*(refrain)*

*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: *(refrain)*

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star: *(refrain)*

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: *(refrain)*

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising to  
th' eternal Three in One: *(refrain)*

### ❖ *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."

*(Congregation may be seated.)*

### *Angels we have heard on high* . . . . . Hymn #214

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*(refrain)*

*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? *(refrain)*

Come to Bethlehem and see him  
whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *(refrain)*

### *Joy to the World!* . . . . . Hymn #195

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive  
her King; let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their  
songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the  
sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest  
the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as  
the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the  
nations prove the glories of his righteousness and  
wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

MISSIONS UPDATE

Pastor Bryan Wright

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION &  
"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

OFFERING

~ OVER ~

PREACHING OF THE WORD     Pastor Bryan Wright

*I John 1:1-4*

“The Incarnation, Fellowship, & Joy II”



## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Pastor Wright & Elders

### ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross . . . . . Hymn #252***

When I survey the wondrous cross on which  
the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death  
of Christ my God: all the vain things that charm  
me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow  
mingled down: did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or  
thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present  
far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul,  
my life, my all.

### ***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross . . . . . Hymn #264***

Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
there a precious fountain, free to all a  
healing stream flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

*(refrain)*

***In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; ‘till my raptured  
soul shall find rest beyond the river.***

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around  
me. *(refrain)*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its  
scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its  
shadow o’er me. *(refrain)*

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping,  
trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand  
just beyond the river. *(refrain)*

## POSTLUDE

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

BENEDICTION

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